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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Comet Crash

It is unfortunate but true that the general public regard a Comet crash very differently to the way they regard the crash of a piston-engined aircraft. There is something specially significant in a Comet crashing because for one reason it is a jet airliner and, as such, it is unique. It is not that they think it is any less fallible than a propeller-driven plane but the world sees in the Comet a glimpse of long distance air travel of the future. There were, of course, hopes that this new aircraft would prove to be safer than its piston-engined counterpart but many of the older generation feared this high-speed travel was dangerous and that BOAC was being too hasty in introducing jet airliners to fly around the world at the staggering speed of seven miles a minute. It is unfortunate that any distinction is made between the crashings of the two types of aircraft because the result in the loss of human lives is the same. Death is sudden, violent and ugly in both cases. It is also unfortunate that the most obvious inference to be drawn from Thursday's Comet crash—the fifth in almost two years—is that the aircraft are not safe. There are many in the world who believe that jet aircraft and world developments generally are going too fast and it is high time we cut down both the speed of transport and the pace of development. Of all the conclusions one can come to, this is the most dangerous since, psychologically, it constitutes a definite barrier to progress.

BOAC made a bold decision when it ordered its first Comets straight from the drawing boards of De Havillands, before the first prototype had even been built. There was no suggestion whatever of a hit or miss gamble on a new, fast and potentially highly-profitable aircraft. BOAC insisted at the time that the plane be thoroughly and carefully tested before it began service for the corporation. When the Comet finally began service, aeronautical experts said its success was attributable to the programme of research work carried out by the makers while the designs were being prepared and while the Comet was actually being built. Virtually every nut and bolt, every part from the controls and engines to the undercarriage and windows was tested and checked hundreds of times far in excess of normal safety requirements. But three Comets have crashed recently and all disasters have followed a similar pattern—"on reaching or approaching maximum altitude at full power."

APART from the possibility of sabotage, which cannot be discounted, the investigators of Thursday's crash will probably examine the likelihood of a fault occurring in the structure due to some persistent stress or strain peculiar to this aircraft under certain conditions. Examination of the engines of the Comet which crashed off Elba on January 10 shed no light on the mystery and apparently they had nothing to do with the crash. Whatever the reason, the Chairman of BOAC, Sir Miles Thomas, acted correctly when he ordered the suspension of the jet service until the cause of the accidents is ascertained and corrected. It will be a long time before the Comets fly again and the eyes of the world will be on De Havillands and their examination of the guinea-pig airliner, for the future safety of jet air transportation may depend on it.

Socialists And Liberals Score In Belgian Elections

CATHOLICS LOSE MAJORITY

Brussels, Apr. 12. Belgian Socialists claimed last night to have ousted the ruling Catholic Party in the country's fourth postwar general election and are expected to form a coalition with the Liberals.

The Catholics, who with only a slender majority have ruled for four years, would now go into opposition, political observers predicted.

Socialists cheered loudly when M. Paul Henri Spaak, former Prime Minister, announced at the Party Headquarters "The Catholics have lost their majority."

According to some polling officers, the Catholics have lost between eight and 15 per cent of their following. Their losses were even higher in Brussels than in the provinces.

Govt Reprimands Council

WRONG DECISION

London, Apr. 11. The Government tonight told the Socialist-controlled Coventry City Council that they were wrong to disband their civil defence arrangements because of the tremendous power of the hydrogen bomb.

The Coventry City Council decided last week that it was "a waste of public time and money" to carry on with civil defence arrangements in view of the overwhelming devastation caused by the hydrogen bomb.

The Coventry City Council forwarded their decision to Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary.

Sir David's permanent under-secretary told the Council that he had been directed to tell them that the Home Secretary "entirely disagrees" with the City Council view.

The Home Office Secretary told the Coventry Council it was "the regularity to continue resolutely with the measures which they have been asked to undertake." It added that the Home Secretary wanted the Council to reconsider their decision and hoped to hear soon that the Council had changed their decision about disbanding the city's civil defence arrangements.

REVIEW REQUIRED

The Home Office said that some civil defence measures would have to be reviewed "in the light of recent developments," but it did not think there would be much change in the duties of local authorities which were mainly in the recruiting and training of civil defence volunteers.

It said that local councils should carry on with these duties until any changes were announced by the Home Office.

Alderman Sidney Stringer, Labour leader of the Coventry City Council, who moved the disbanding motion commented: "The reply does not attempt to answer our references to the hydrogen bomb."

"The letter is bound to be considered most seriously by the Civil Defence Committee and the City Council."

"What we want to do is to strengthen the hand of those who want to outlaw the bomb,"—Reuter.

Mossadegh Continues To Put On An Act

Teheran, Apr. 11. The former Premier of Iran, Dr Mohammed Mossadegh, was carried into the Court-room today for the third day of his appeal against his sentence of three years' imprisonment, and started proceedings by asking the Judge for the loan of his spectacles.

He had forgotten his own, he said. It was pointed out that the lenses were different and that they might not suit him. Mossadegh tried them on anyway but said he could not see through them properly. Discussion then got firmly on to the subject of spectacles until a soldier nipped off to fetch the ex-Premier his own pair.

After that Mossadegh slept most of the time with his head in his hand while his lawyer, Colonel Boxghimer, took copious notes of the long and repetitious evidence and refused the Court's competency to deal with the case at all.

It was also contended that Mossadegh should be released on bail, pending the result of the appeal. Mossadegh himself made the point that his detention was being prolonged at instigation from abroad.

This suggestion angered the Army Prosecutor into saying that Mossadegh was a traitor and asked to be given back documents establishing Anglo-Iranian Oil Company extortion and money he had stolen during the looting of his house. He replied that he would only do so if the Court did not let him speak.

Mossadegh is on a "hunger strike" which was described by the Prosecutor as a fake. He is secretly taking cake, the Prosecutor told an AFP correspondent.—France-Press.

Stabbed With Scissors

Paris, Apr. 11. The Police today were searching for an impulsive dressmaker, Ellen Jann, who used a pair of scissors to jab in the back her former boy friend during a quarrel last night. The man, 34-year-old Yugoslav Tony Zalovi, was taken to hospital where his condition was considered not serious.—France-Press.

Fortress As Strong As Ever

Hanoi, Apr. 11. General Rene Cogy, French Union Commander in North Indo-China, said here today that the reinforced fortress of Dien Bien Phu as strong as when Vietnamese rebels launched their second big onslaught on March 30.

In an interview with Reuter today as the hard-pressed stronghold prepared for the third rebel attack, expected daily, General Cogy said the garrison was also in as good quality as it has ever been.

His announcement that there would be as many troops in the fortress for the next Vietnamese attack as for the last is a triumph by efficient staff officers, daring pilots and determined paratroopers.

The fortress is probably the worst parachute drop in the history of warfare. Dropping of bombs are narrow, hemmed in by barbed wire and minefields and dominated by hostile gun-fire while planes must fly through anti-aircraft fire directed by radar.—Reuter.

Terrorists Fear Trap

Nairobi, Apr. 11. A Kenya Government statement issued tonight said: "There is little doubt that the majority of terrorists are now convinced that the whole surrender project was a Government trap designed to bring them together so that they could be slaughtered."

It would be a long process to convince the terrorists that this was not so and no large-scale organised surrenders could be expected in the near future.

But individuals could still surrender if they came out of the forest bearing green branches or with their hands held up above their heads carrying their weapons.

General Erskine said he felt the attempt to induce the terrorists to surrender had been worth while, "It nearly came off."

"Even though the mass surrender attempt has broken down we have gained a tremendous amount of information about Mau Mau,"—Reuter.

ALLEGATION IN PETITION

Withholding Of Documents Claimed

THE FALCONER CASE

An allegation that in the light of correspondence exchanged and what had actually happened an exhibit referred to in Mr M. W. H. Seymour's affidavit of February 12 was being deliberately withheld from the Court was made by Mr Brook Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioners, when he made an application for the production of documents at the hearing of a petition for the winding up of Messrs George Falconer and Co., (H.K.) Ltd., Union Building, before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

The petitioner, Mr James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Braga Circuit, is petitioning for the winding up of the Company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32.

Petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D.A.L. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M.A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J.B. Ipekjian and Mr M.W.H. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of Messrs George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr A.J. Clifford, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs Hastings and Company, are appearing.

Mr T. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Mr J.B. Ipekjian and Mr M. W. H. Seymour as individual shareholders.

Mr Winter, also instructed by Mr Hammond is also representing Mr J. B. Ipekjian as creditor of the company, and Messrs Ipekjian Bros. as creditors.

Mr W. K. Thomson appears for the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator.

Mr Bernacchi said that before he opened the case he had reluctantly to apply for a one-day adjournment and he asked that it be adjourned with costs in favour of petitioner payable forthwith. He was applying for the application on two separate grounds, both having relation to documents that were necessary to be before the Court and were said before the Court, Counsel said.

In the first place there were a number of documents in the hands of the special managers. It was arranged between Mr da Silva and Mr Hampton about 12 days ago that a summons should be taken out by Messrs Hastings and Company for a consent order that these documents be produced. It was not taken up that Saturday and last Wednesday Mr da Silva again approached Mr Hampton in the matter and urged him to take out the summons without delay, said Mr Bernacchi.

SUMMONS SERVED

Ultimately the summons was served on Mr da Silva on Friday last and Mr Silva duly attended in the waiting room of his Lordship's chambers but no summons should be taken out by Messrs Hastings and Company for a consent order that these documents be produced. It was not taken up that Saturday and last Wednesday Mr da Silva again approached Mr Hampton in the matter and urged him to take out the summons without delay, said Mr Bernacchi.

Counsel next read correspondence passed between Mr da Silva and Messrs Hastings and (Contd. on back page, Col. 6)

Tragedy Ends In Happy Romance

Santa Barbara, Calif., Apr. 11. Suzan Ball, smiling and calm, walked on her new artificial leg down the aisle to marry actor Dick Long today.

The most heart-warming Hollywood romance of many years was climaxed when the couple exchanged rings in a candle-lit ceremony at the picturesque El Montecito Presbyterian church while 1,200 fans waited outside.

The spectators gasped and murmured when the dark-haired actress, wearing a long white lace gown and veil, walked without crutches from a side door to the main entrance of the church.

She had arrived an hour earlier, wearing slacks and on crutches. Her parents and Universal-International Studio spokesmen up to the last minute said she probably would not be able to wear the artificial leg during the ceremony.

But Suzan, whose right leg was amputated on January 12 because of cancer, walked with a limp and held tightly to the arm of her father, H. Dale Ball.

The Rev. Paul Gammons performed the 10-minute ceremony before an altar banked with pink candles, fern and spring flowers.—United Press.

Communist Demonstration In London

London, Apr. 11. Several thousand Londoners took part in a Communist-organised Hyde Park demonstration urging the abolition of the hydrogen bomb today.

Among those addressing the gathering were Professor Burhop, who said atomic warfare would make Britain uninhabitable, and the former Left-wing Member of Parliament, Mr D. N. Pritt, who denounced the United States policy which, he claimed, prevented French negotiations in Indo-China.—France-Press.

Police Seize Red Paper

Paris, Apr. 11. The Communist weekly L'Humanite Dimanche was seized in a dramatic police raid here today for publishing an inflammatory article on the Indo-Chinese war.

The article in question—a five-column banner across the front-page—was entitled: "The Bloodshed in Indo-China Rises on the New York Stock Exchange."

Shortly after midnight, police surrounded the plant of the Communist paper L'Humanite and, as the delivery trucks rolled out, the police seized them. More than 100,000 copies of the Sunday weekly were confiscated.

Action was taken under Article 10 of the Criminal Code, which permits the seizure of any publication which threatens the "internal or external safety" of the State.

Police in Marseilles seized advance copies of L'Humanite Dimanche. By mid-morning, when most French Catholics were coming out of church, holding their Palm Sunday grocery, raucous-voiced Communist Party members were on the streets peddling a five-franc one-page news sheet.

"The Communist Party speaks to you," proclaimed a black banner at the top, and underneath, in even larger letters, it said: "L'Humanite Dimanche seized because it spoke the truth on the Foster Dulles plan to extend the Indo-China war."—United Press.

Mild Earth Tremor

Nicosia, Cyprus, Apr. 11. A mild, two-second earth tremor was reported here today. It was barely perceptible and there were no casualties or property damages.—United Press.

KIDNAPPED WOMAN MURDERED

Manila, Apr. 12. Wealthy matron, Mrs Damiana Magrill Ongkiko, held captive for 37 days by kidnappers in the Cavite province, was murdered and her body was discovered on a lonely road in that province on Sunday afternoon.

Two 45 calibre slugs were found under her body and a kick in the back from her captives had torn the shabby black dress she was wearing when she was kidnapped.

An autopsy revealed that she bled from four gunshot wounds. Although the army authorities have thrown more troops in the hunt for the kidnappers, no contact was reported till late last night.

The wife of the government auditor, Mrs Ongkiko, was just back from inspecting her farm-lands in the Cavite, when she was seized by the kidnappers. Some 30 miles south of Manila, Cavite province is notorious for banditry and cattle-rustling and was the province where violence flared up violently in the last November election.—France-Press.

Rain Brightens Crops Outlook

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 11. Weekend rains in portions of drought-stricken West Texas and the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas raised farmers' hopes today for the 1954 crops.

Locally heavy storms totalling as much as six inches of rainfall, drenched areas of West Texas and set off flash floods in the heart of the drought stricken last night. The West Texas rains came only a day after thundershowers dumped from six to 12 inches of moisture on the rich Lower Rio Grande Valley and brightened prospects for cotton crops.

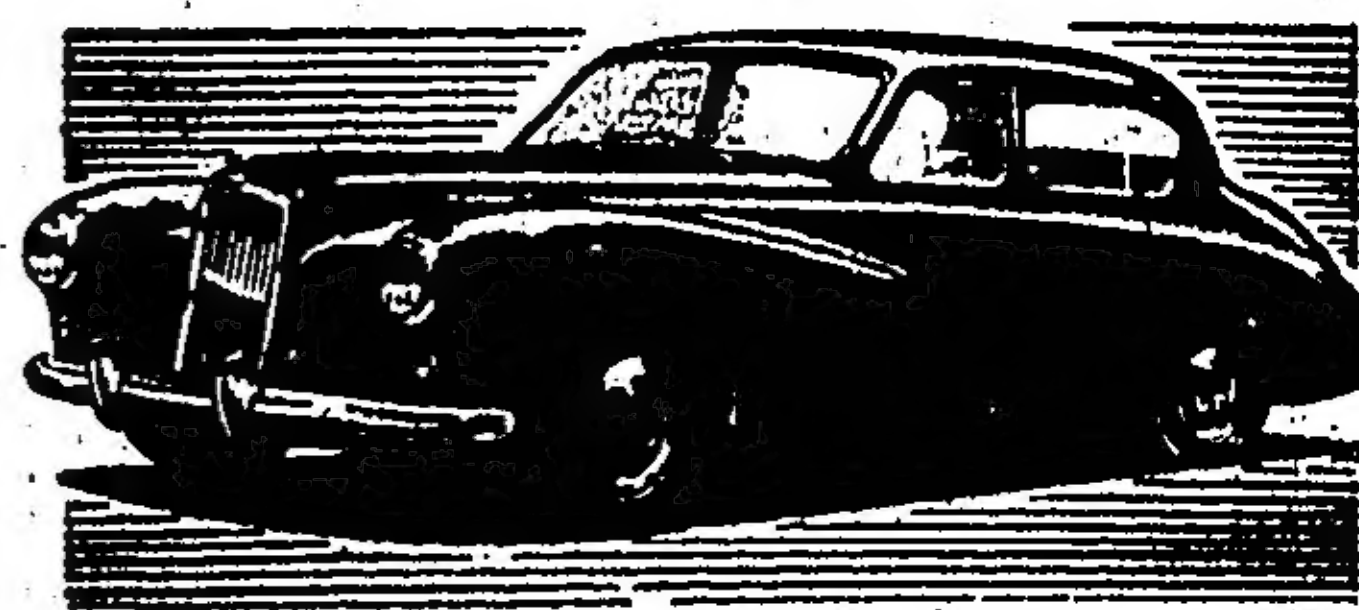
More than 100 persons were forced from their homes by the floods. The Hidalgo County Health Officer, Dr Charles Miller, ordered typhoid shots administered to more than 300 residents of Alamo, where sewers and septic tanks overflowed.—United Press.

SUDDEN VISIT TO LONDON

Bonn, Apr. 11. The West German Vice-Chancellor, Herr Franz Blumberg, left unexpectedly for London tonight on a visit which was believed to be connected with the arrival in London of the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

The official reason given for his journey was that the Vice-Chancellor was planning "to meet friends of the British Liberal Party."—France-Press.

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McCarthy Dispute: "No Effect On Party Unity"

REPUBLICAN ON G.O.P. DIFFERENCES

Washington, Apr. 11.

Republican National Chairman Mr. Leonard W. Hall said today that GOP differences over Senator Joseph R. McCarthy are not "as big as they seem to be" and have "no effect" on party unity.

Mr. Hall, interviewed on the NBC-TV "Youth Wants To Know," programme, turned aside most questions on the McCarthy-Army row but did say it has been "blown up" beyond its importance.

He said that while the controversy has the effect of taking attention away from President Eisenhower's legislative programme, the programme nevertheless "is going along in splendid fashion."

Mr. Hall said it would not be "appropriate" for him to comment further on the "McCarthy situation" because it was now being studied by the Senate investigating subcommittee.

The subcommittee is scheduled to meet in a closed session tomorrow to decide how to run the public hearings on Senator McCarthy's fight with the Army.

Senator McCarthy, returning to the capital after a trip to Arizona, has said he will not vote on any decisions involved in the investigation. Senator Karl E. Mundt (Republican, South Dakota) is acting as chairman in Senator McCarthy's stead.

Asked if he thinks President Eisenhower agrees with Senator McCarthy's policies, Mr. Hall said he could not speak for the President. He said, however, that he thinks the Wisconsin Republican generally has voted for the Administration's programme in the Senate.

The GOP Chairman also was asked if any steps are being taken to prevent such issues as the McCarthy-Army dispute from re-occurring. He replied that the "basic control over any Senator" belongs to the voters in his home state.

At its meeting tomorrow, the subcommittee may pick additional staff members to work with special counsel Ray H. Jenkins on the inquiry.

WHAT CHARGES? Senator Mundt has said that both Senator McCarthy and the Army should let it be known in advance what witnesses they want to call and what charges they intend to make. This would permit the subcommittee to settle some points before the hearings begin on April 22.

One such ruling will be whether Senator McCarthy should be allowed to cross-examine witnesses who testify against him, as he has demanded.

The investigation will concern an Army report charging that Senator McCarthy and Roy M. Cohn, the regular subcommittee counsel, used pressure to get favours for G. David Schine, drafted former staff consultant. It will also consider Senator McCarthy's charge that the Army tried to "blackmail" him out of investigating Communists.

Representative Chet Holifield (Democrat, California), a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, was asked on the CBS television show, Man of the Week, about Senator McCarthy's charge of an 18-month delay in hydrogen bomb research. Senator McCarthy implied the purported delay was caused by subversive elements.

Mr. Holifield said the theory of the H-bomb was advanced at the same time as that of the atomic bomb, but work was started on the A-bomb because it was deemed more feasible. After the Russians exploded an A-bomb, he said, the US decided to go ahead with the H-bomb.

He said there was a great difference of opinion in 1940 about whether to produce the bomb. He said that in 1940 the Atomic Energy Commission it-

Sceptical Of Love At First Sight

Madrid, Apr. 11.

Spanish men placed religious devotion first, mostly second and wealth fifth among the qualities they seek in a wife, according to the Institute of Public Opinion in Madrid.

Housewifery and intelligence were also given preference over money. Of the men consulted 79 per cent said they preferred brunettes and only 20 per cent blondes. Some 58 per cent liked dark eyes.

Only 34 per cent believed in love at first sight. Half the men consulted were less than 25 years of age and nearly half of these again said they had no girl friend.—China Mail Special.

Attlee's New Book On Anglo-US Atomic Exchanges

London, Apr. 12.

A new Parliamentary flare-up over the Hydrogen bomb, foreshadowed for Tuesday in the House of Commons, may be given a fresh slant by statements on Anglo-American atomic exchanges made by the leader of the opposition Mr. Clement Attlee, in his autobiography, "As It Happened," to be published today.

Sir Winston Churchill's biggest clash with the Labour Opposition since he came to power occurred last Monday. After disclosing the secret 1943 atomic agreement with the late President Roosevelt, he charged Mr. Attlee's post-war Labour Government with abandoning the benefits Britain gained under it. This Mr. Attlee angrily denied.

Members of Parliament are to press the Prime Minister on Tuesday for more information about the agreement.

The Labour leader devotes part of one chapter of his new autobiography—written before the present H-bomb controversy—to his own exchanges with President Truman on atomic affairs in 1945 when he replaced Sir Winston Churchill as Britain's Prime Minister.

He says: "An agreement for partnership in the atomic field between the United States, Canada and Britain had been arrived at in Quebec but the industrial use of the bomb had been specifically conceded to the United States."

The agreement in itself was loosely worded and it was clear that the position needed to be clarified. Although British scientists had contributed very greatly to the development of

atomic energy, the actual work had been done in America owing to war conditions, Mr. Attlee adds.

"Sir John Anderson (now Lord Waverley) had been the Minister principally concerned with this project and at my request he continued in a special capacity to deal with it after the change of Government," Mr. Attlee states.

"I decided it was necessary to clarify the position with the Americans and arranged for Sir John and myself to go to Washington."

JOINT STATEMENT Mr. Attlee relates his arrival at the White House on November 19, 1945, and mentions he began talks there with Mr. Truman and the late Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada. "On Thursday morning at the White House President Truman, Mackenzie King and I signed a joint statement..."

"We had reached what Sir John Anderson and I both thought was a satisfactory agreement for future co-operation in the field of atomic energy. But as sometimes happens in dealing with our American friends, the Administration proposes but Congress disposes."

The action of Congress in passing the McMahon Bill (in 1946) made co-operation difficult, Mr. Attlee says, observing that the unfortunate affairs of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, which occurred shortly afterwards, set everything back.—Reuter.

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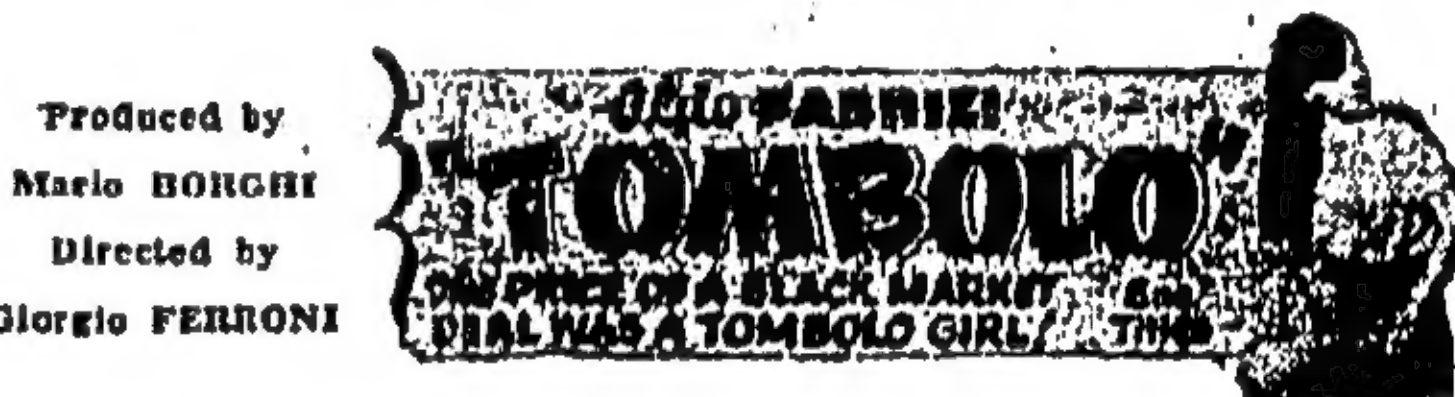
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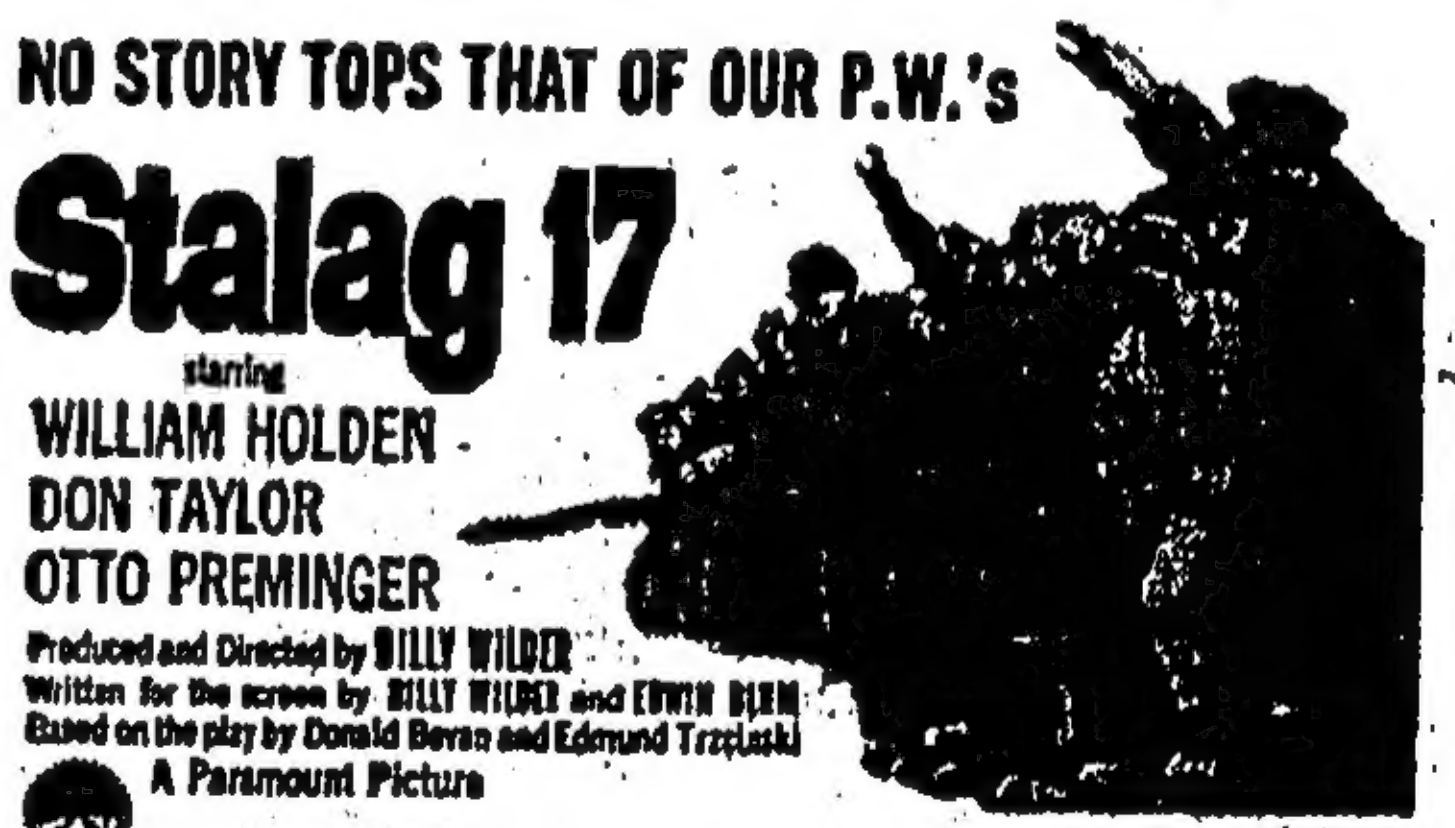


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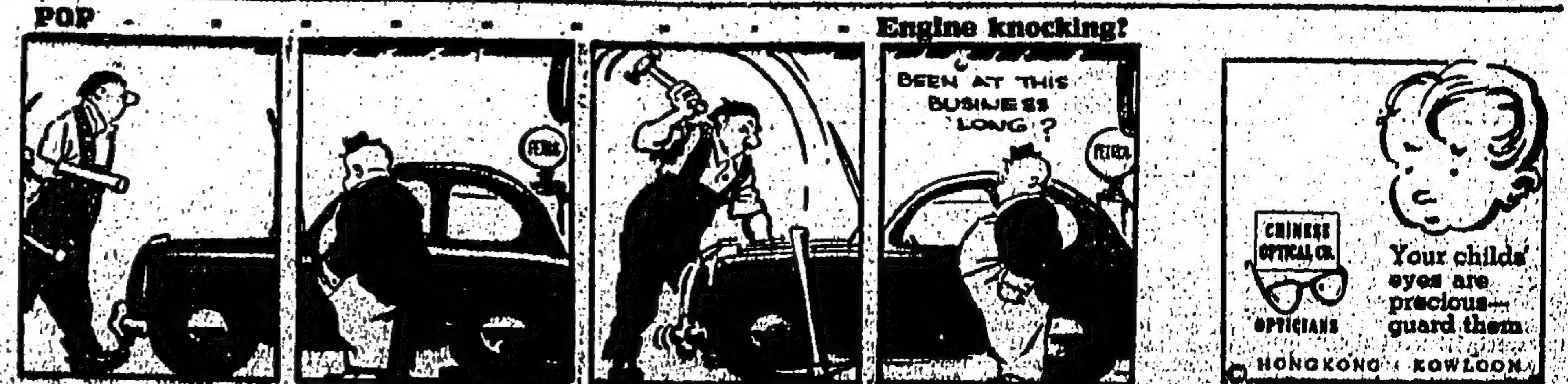


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CONCERN OVER PREPARATIONS FOR GENEVA

Two Men Almost Married The Wrong Girls

Rajol, India, Apr. 11.
Two bridegrooms' relatives got mixed up while traveling to wedding celebrations along the same road here—and they nearly married the wrong girls.
The party that should have turned left turned right, so the other party took the opposite turning and the two men with their escorts arrived at the wrong houses.
As the brides had been chosen for them, they did not know them and the parents only discovered the mistake at the last minute and sent them tearing away past each other again to reach their true brides in time.—China Mail Special.

Frontier Incidents

Egypt Stays Out Of Meeting

London, Apr. 11.
Cairo Radio said this evening that Egypt had refused to attend a meeting today of the Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, called to discuss four frontier incidents allegedly provoked by Egyptian forces.
The radio says Reuter quoted an Egyptian War Minister as saying that the Egyptian delegation did not receive the United Nations observer's investigation reports of the incidents until two hours before the meeting was due to start.
The officials added that the observer was at that time still investigating two of the incidents.

Egypt therefore asked the American President of the Commission, Colonel Robert Himmelfarb, that the meeting be postponed a day "in accordance with the stipulations of the armistice agreement."

Colonel Himmelfarb would not grant this request, so Egypt did not attend the meeting.

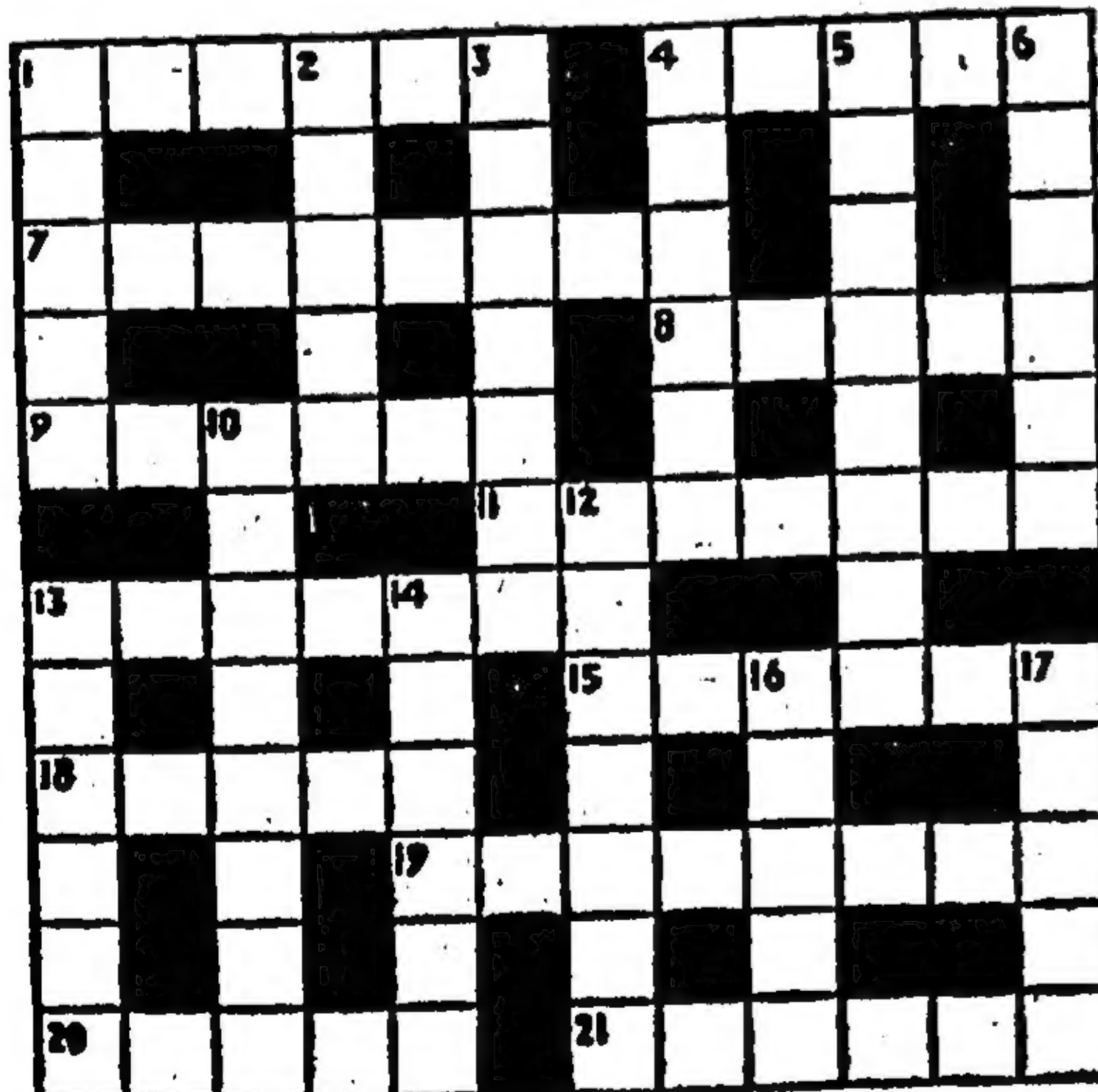
Egypt had appealed to General Vaghi Benneke, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervisory Commission in Palestine, the official added.—Reuter.

Reds Lose Power

Washington, Apr. 11.
The Communist Parties in most Western European nations have been losing ground during the past eight years, the U.S. Information Agency said today.

In Denmark the Communists have lost more than 80 per cent of their popular vote since a postwar peak in 1945, and in Norway party membership has dropped from about 40,000 at the end of World War II to about 7,000.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Venturesome (6).
4 Fish (5).
7 Gourmets (8).
8 Foolish (5).
9 Declaration (6).
11 Snuggles (7).
13 Lathes (7).
15 Frank (7).
16 Pale (5).
19 Static troops (8).
20 Symbols (5).
21 Wine (6).

DOWN
1 Fear (5).
2 Bring on (5).
3 Article of clothing (7).
4 Garlands (6).
5 Recollected (8).
6 Mean dwellings (6).
10 Infectious (8).
12 Accompanies (7).
14 Speaks slowly (6).
15 Scorches (6).
16 Glamour (5).
17 Drab (5).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Moth, 4. Rosette, 8. Used, 9. Calm, 10. Singlet, 11. Alto, 12. Elan, 14. Supreme, 15. Dens, 16. Lasso, 22. Tangent, 23. Loon, 27. Gilt, 28. Defamed, 29. Urgo, 30. Read, 31. Harness, 32. Eddy. Down: 2. Oracle, 3. Humane, 4. Rest, 5. Odious, 6. Eager, 7. Term, 12. Edit, 13. Anon, 15. Euse, 16. Ebon, 18. Anger, 20. Allude, 21. Sagged, 23. Arena, 24. Grate, 25. Tides.

"Two Weeks To Go And Nothing Has Been Settled"

Geneva, Apr. 12.
The Geneva Conference, due to start on April 26, is giving the city authorities and the United Nations officials one of the biggest headaches which this city of conference experts has ever experienced.

With the meeting only two weeks away, literally nothing has been settled, except that the delegates will meet in the Palais des Nations, headquarters of the United Nations in Europe. United Nations officials do not even yet know in which room the delegates will hold their discussions.

The United Nations in Geneva is awaiting instructions about what to do. They have offered full facilities. But it is up to the delegations of the four great inviting Powers—Britain, France, the United States and Soviet Russia—to give the orders. So far, no one seems able to take any decisions.

"We are in a state of suspended animation or rather, perhaps, a state of animated suspension," one United Nations official said. "We are ready to go to work immediately if only someone would tell us what they want done."

"We do not yet know if the United Nations is to provide the secretariat of the conference or whether, as at Berlin, the delegations will provide their own secretariat."

Another point which must be settled soon is the question of Chinese translators for the English, French and Russian versions. United Nations officials say that it is no easy matter to find sufficient Chinese translators at short notice.

While the United Nations officials wait in their "state of animated suspension," the Geneva authorities have too much to do. For they are faced with the problem of finding space not only for the Asian conference delegates, but also for the 65 delegations attending the annual World Health Assembly and the 87 delegations of the International Labour Organisation.

The flood of requests for hotel accommodation, which is now pouring in, is proving almost too much for harassed Geneva officials.

The Russians have asked for accommodation for 150 persons, a village for Mr. Molotov, a private radio station, and facilities for a private air service.

FOUR HOTELS

The Chinese are bringing 200 people. They also want a private radio station, a private villa for their delegation chiefs. The bulk of their delegation is being housed in four different hotels.

The Russians have accepted the entire Hotel Metropole as their headquarters.

The British are moving into the Hotel Beau Rivage, their traditional headquarters from League of Nations days, where Mr. Eden will be no stranger.

The United States have taken two floors of the Hotel du Rhone and, according to reports, are still short of space.

The French have occupied the Hotel Des Bergues and the remaining 13 or 14 delegations are scattered throughout the town.

In addition, an estimated 1,000 journalists are clamouring for rooms.

MUSICAL CHAIRS

In fact, a game of musical chairs is on, in the course of which press reservations made as long ago as last February are being officially transferred to other hotels in an effort to centralise as many delegations as possible.

With regard to accommodation for the conference itself in the United Nations building, it seems likely that the delegations will meet in the Council chamber.

This can seat some 16 to 18 delegation chiefs side by side with their advisers and aides, seated behind them. If delegation leaders wish to have their advisers and aides seated beside them, as at the Berlin conference, the Geneva conference will have to go to another room, where special alterations will have to be made.

Nothing is known yet regarding security measures for the conference. The entire Geneva police force will be mobilised to deal with the conference building and reinforcements are to be brought in from other cantons.

In Geneva, an international press centre has been set up in a former women's clothing store. Here, there will be large rooms for press conferences by different delegations. Offices on the floors above have been put at the disposal of newspapers and news agencies from all over the world.—China Mail Special.

US Editors Return From Iron Curtain

London, Apr. 11.
Ten United States newspaper editors and publishers who arrived here by air today after a three-week tour behind the Iron curtain said the Russians were "very civil—but careful."

Asked about the Russian reaction to news of the H-bomb, Mr. B. Franklin of Kansas said a "discreet silence" was observed.

Mr. R. C. Dix of the Evening Record, Kent, Ohio said: "I think they made sure we didn't see anything we shouldn't have."

He added that the standard of living appeared to be higher in Moscow than in the capitals of satellite countries.—Reuter.

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Royal Memorial To Queen Mary



Dedicated in Sandringham Church last week was this memorial plaque to Queen Mary created by her children and grandchildren. It was made during her lifetime by Sir William Reid Dick, the Queen's Sculptor-in-Ordinary for Scotland, who was also sculptor to the late King George VI. The plaque, which is situated directly opposite to a similar memorial to King George V, bears a profile of the Queen in relief and the inscription: "In loving memory—Queen Mary 1867-1953—given by her beloved children and grandchildren."

IN U.S.A.

Lung Cancer Deaths Jump 500 p.c. In Last 20 Years

New York, Apr. 11.

The American Cancer Society reported today that deaths from lung cancer in men had increased 500 per cent in the past 20 years and that "causes of this rise have not yet been demonstrated scientifically."

The society's annual report said that periodic examination against all forms of cancer could save 41,000 lives a year in the United States.

"Of the six forms of cancer of which the society is concentrating," the report said, "cancer of the lung has shown the most dramatic and challenging increase."

"In men there has been an increase in mortality in the last 20 years of 500 per cent. While the death rate in women has also increased, the major threat is to men over 45. It is estimated that male deaths from lung cancer in 1952 exceeded male deaths from tuberculosis."

"The society takes the position that the causes of this rise have not yet been demonstrated scientifically."

"Perhaps the best way to express the society's attitude is to say that some evidence places cigarette smoking on the crime but the evidence is not strong enough to convict it. Other data link air pollution to lung cancer."

The society said it was sponsoring a study of 204,000 men whose smoking habits it has recorded to see "if there is a statistical relation between lung cancer and smoking."

It said it was also encouraging early diagnosis and prompt treatment.

Shishakli In Cairo

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Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli, who was ousted from power in Syria last February, arrived here today on his way to Paris.—Reuter.

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He will then fly to Saigon for three-day discussions with French and Vietnamese leaders.—Reuter.

The report said increased emphasis on detecting "silent cancer"—cancer without any apparent symptom—was a major development in 1953. That is the stage when cancer is usually most curable, the report said.

In a foreword to the report Mr. Walter J. Kohler, Governor of Wisconsin and Chairman of the Society's Board of Directors, said: "Physicians are imbued with the spirit of earlier diagnosis and more positive treatment."

"The public as a whole is coming more and more to see that it has a fundamental responsibility in seeking earlier medical attention, and very wisely, in having periodic cancer check-ups long before symptoms develop."

The society reported that it allocated almost \$5 million to research in 1953, making a total over nine years of almost \$30 million.

For 1954, the society said, it had set a fund-raising goal of \$20 million "but hopes to raise \$25 million to make sure that every avenue to effective cancer control may be promptly explored."—Reuter.

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US Defence Official Says: Cobalt Bomb Not Feasible As A War Weapon

Washington, Apr. 11.
The U.S. Assistant Defence Secretary, Mr. Donald Quarles, said today the dread cobalt bomb, which could destroy entire continents, was scientifically possible but was "not feasible" as an instrument of war.

Mr. Quarles, chief of research and development for the Defence Department, said no military man believed the C-bomb could be a good weapon of war because the radioactive material it released would kill friend and enemy indiscriminately.

Mr. Quarles said on ABC's television show, "At Issue," the scientists already had produced a small C-bomb for use in hospitals to treat certain diseases. But he said it had none of the characteristics of a larger war model, which he said would be a "suicide weapon."

A member of the House-Senate Atomic Energy Committee Mr. Chet Holifield said on the CBS "Man of the Week" TV show no one could enter a city for at least five years after a C-bomb had been dropped on it.

He said the theoretical weapon would have a cobalt instead of a steel casing to enclose a hydrogen bomb. He described cobalt as a lead-like metal which absorbs radioactivity and would permit the winds to carry it to all corners of the earth.

Mr. Eisenhower said recently the United States did not intend to build H-bombs or similar weapons any bigger or more destructive than those it now had.

In other atomic developments: 1. Mr. Holifield said he would introduce a resolution on Monday to raise the Civil Defense Administration to Cabinet level. 2. The chairman of the Joint Committee, Representative W. Sterling Cole (Republican, New York), said he would introduce a bill this week to carry out President Eisenhower's request for "modernisation" of the 1940 atomic energy act.

The President asked Congress in February to make two basic changes in the law to permit the transfer of certain tactical atomic data to America's allies and to encourage U.S. business firms to participate in the atomic programme.

Mr. Holifield said his resolution to raise civil defence to Cabinet level would permit the Director of the agency to sit in on meetings of the National Security Council.

He said there was no complete defence against an enemy air attack and the only real precaution would be to give American cities adequate warnings through radar systems and other civil defence measures.

Mr. Cole said he would introduce his bill before the House started its Easter recess on Friday. The House-Senate

Immediate Debate Sought On EDC

Paris, Apr. 11.

M. Pierre Henri Teitgen said tonight that any further delay in the Parliamentary debate on the ratification of the European Defence Community treaty would mean "not immobilism but paralysis."

M. Teitgen, a member of the M.R.P. (Popular Republican) Party, said "the time for reflection is over, the hour of decision has struck."

"The Government must now and immediately take all necessary action for the opening of the debate on the ratification of the treaty instituting the European Defence Community."

"Not only is our foreign policy dependent on the decision which is to be taken but also our internal policy."—France-Press.

Secret Talks By Two Middle East Nations

New York, Apr. 11.
Pakistan and Afghanistan have held secret talks on confederation aimed at a joint foreign policy, the New York Times said in a dispatch from Karachi today.

The report said talks between the two countries had been going on for a year and were now nearing completion. One of many reasons for confederation is that both countries have nomadic tribal populations flowing back and forth across the border to trade, the New York Times said.

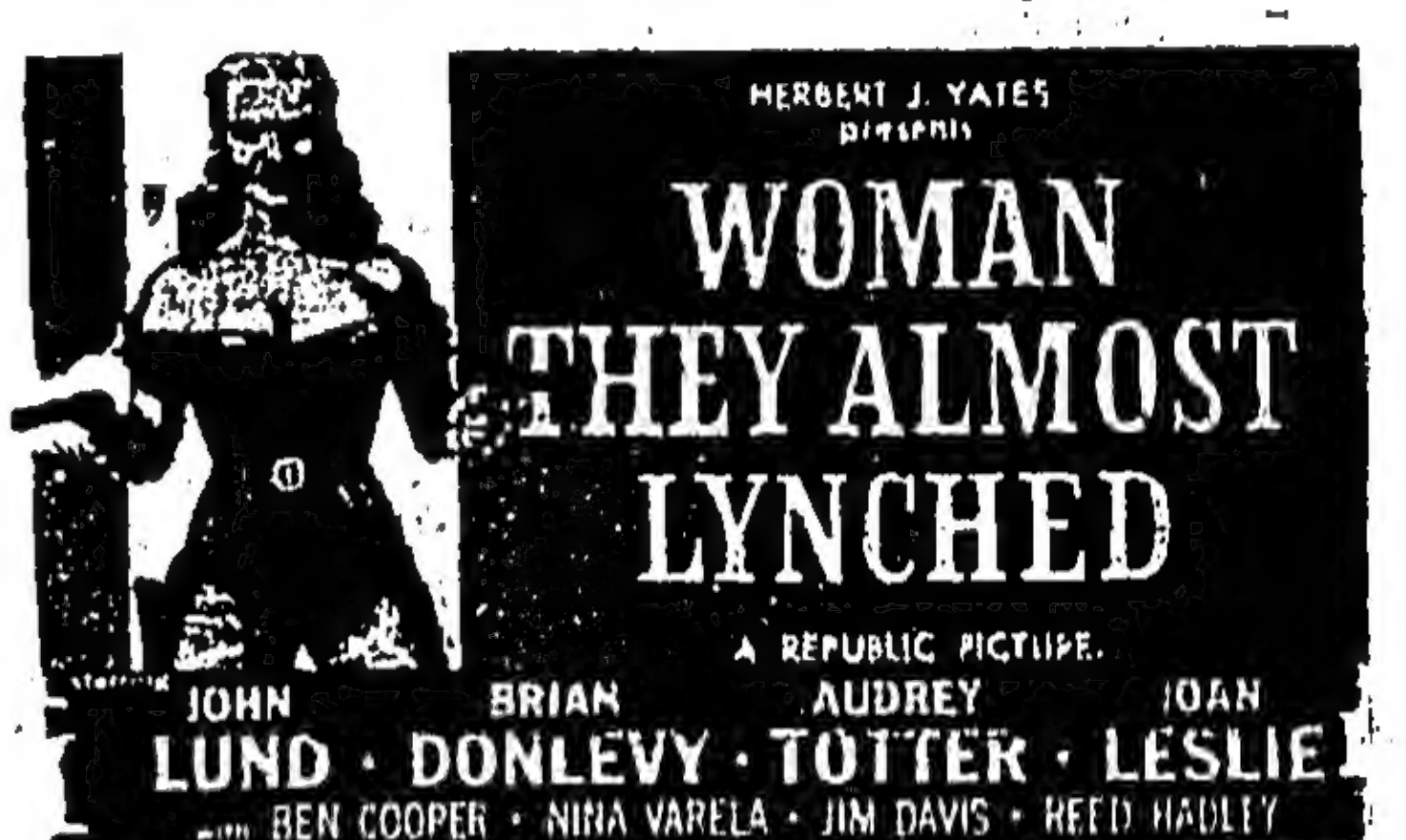
Representatives of both Governments had paved the way by relaxing trade barriers.

"One of the most important reasons for Pakistan's confederation is to strengthen her defence of the Khyber Pass, the most practical approach from the Soviet Union's eastern republics into Pakistan," the New York Times said.—Reuter.

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HOW TO HANDLE THE RUSSIANS

By Peter Lovegrove

BRIGADIER Claude Dewhurst has a delightful sense of humour. Neither the hazards and discomforts of our depressing campaign in Greece and Crete in 1941, nor the boredom and intrigues of Baghdad later in World War Two, could ever subdue the unflinching high spirits and lighthearted wit of this Royal Sussex regular officer.

And those qualities, allied to much patience and perseverance, served him well in 1961 when he became Chief of the British Mission to the Soviet Forces of Occupation in Eastern Germany and was in closer contact with the Russians for two years than any British soldier or diplomat even in Moscow.

He met them in their offices, at conferences, at receptions, at countrywide "Kommunistenrasen." In the towns which they garrisoned he spoke to soldiers, staff officers and generals as well as to Soviet Control Commission officials. He had to deal with them when they were at their most infuriating and efficient, and he also saw them on the few occasions when they prepared to relax.

Now he has written a lively, conversational and highly readable account of his experiences in "Close Contact." He deals with great penetration with the Soviet regime in general and upon the Communist individual in particular, the Russians' fears of insecurity, their complex and the stupidities of their propaganda, and also comments critically on our casualness concerning matters of high security importance and our deplorable lack of effective counter-propaganda.

Stalin's Death

Lastly he presents a new and surprising theory on the strange death of Stalin. The Soviet dictator, he believes, was assassinated by his own colleagues some time before his death was publicly announced, and he gives a number of facts to support his views.

Brigadier Dewhurst, who has a thorough knowledge of the Russian language and has made a twenty-year study of Russian history, evolution and affairs, has got some sound practical advice to offer to those reading Soviet officials at the conference table for the first time.

Firstly, you have got to know your subject very thoroughly. They believe in specialisation and come to a meeting exceptionally well briefed, not only on the immediate problem

under discussion, but on all past and analogous cases—and they won't be hustled into a meeting until they have marshalled all the facts. They believe that the best form of defence at a conference is attack, and they are just masters in exaggeration.

Then "the Russians are affronted if you get down to business immediately you arrive." Small talk is a first essential, and when the real object of the meeting is eventually reached, it is important to be exact, precise and word of what is said is taken down by one or more stenographers, for subsequent study. The more they have to study, the greater the ease to pick holes.

No Anger

"One must," he continues, "on all accounts avoid getting angry round the table. The exaggeration and fantasy of some of their stories, allegations and complaints, often makes one furious. Irrelevancy and purposeful avoidance of main issues are exasperating. But it is no use showing temper. They rather hope you will get annoyed or rattled, and exaggerated details are sometimes inserted with the object of causing you to explode. You will answer far less carefully if you have a hot head—and that is what they want."

"I must confess that it is easier to preach than to practise, and once I got into such a rage that I could hardly speak at all. A list of trumped-up, carefully type-written 'charges' was being read with such false solemnity that I called a halt, and said in a storm: 'This irrelevant rubbish is being read out for my benefit. I have no wish to hear it. You can go on chatting as long as you like, but please do so through my interpreter, who will let me know after you've finished whether there was anything worth reporting. For my part, I shall read this newspaper,' with which I took up a London paper I was about to deliver them, and rat back in my chair. There was a hush all round. They were genuinely amazed. It was at least a minute before the list of 'charges' was continued. But it was the only interview which achieved absolutely nothing from my point of view, which soured relations for some days to come."

Circuitous

Then one must never "demand" anything. The moment an ultimatum is sensed, expressions go rigid, the steno-

grapher ceases work and the whole atmosphere becomes icy. Brigadier Dewhurst cannot recall a single case where a "demand" was accepted, nor of an ultimatum bringing the required result, but there are many circuitous ways of "requiring" or "requesting" things to be done. Soviet leaders or institutions must never be criticised, and the Russians in turn keep to the same rules themselves regarding criticism of the West.

Perhaps, most important of all, one should never expect a conference, interview or official talk to produce results at the time. The Russians may hint at agreement, but will never be definite until the matter is referred back, "weeks or months may pass before the results of a conference become apparent."

The action you require will often be taken when you least expect it, but the concession or agreement will never be put to paper (with the rarest high-level exceptions). They will never inform you in advance that, as a result of your representations, a soldier is being released, an aeroplane handed back, or even a blockade lifted. It just happens, for a concession on paper is recorded loss of face.

There are a number of entertaining stories of the absurd lengths to which the Russians will go to protect their "security" from foreigners, who of course are all regarded as potential spies. Whenever the author went, armed with official permits and specific immunity. (Contd. on Page 7, Col. 1)

"Those in the artistic vanguard may chide us undeveloped morons for our failure to appreciate 'modern' art, but let them not try to prohibit our innocent merriment at it!"

A CORRESPONDENT referring to various times down the ages, to works by Henry Moore, Epstein, Stravinsky, Magritte, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Giotto, etc. etc.



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CONTINUING THE ADVENTURE OF THE RED WIDOW

What Has Happened So Far

GREGSON, a Scotland Yard detective, calls on Holmes. He has received a telegram from the Derbyshire police from which it appears that Lord Cope, Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, has been murdered on his ancestral guillotine at Arnsworth Castle. The local police inspector, Dawlish, has also, rather mysteriously, sent the County Guide and Gazetteer, giving the history of Lord Cope's ancestors, saying the contents should be studied. Dawlish suspects Lord Cope's cousin, Captain Jasper Lothian, of murdering the old man. Holmes, Watson and Gregson arrive at the castle and are admitted by Stephen, Lord Cope's devoted servant. Lady Cope is still sitting motionless, gazing at the beheaded body, when the detectives enter.

It was a small room with a groined roof lit by clusters of tapers in iron sconces. The walls were hung with trophies of armour and mediaeval weapons and edged by glass-topped cases crammed with ancient parchments, thumb rings, pieces of carved stonework and yawning mantraps. These details I noticed at a glance and then my whole attention was riveted to the object that occupied a low dais in the centre of the room.

It was a guillotine, painted a faded red and, save for its smaller size, exactly similar to those that I had seen depicted in woodcuts of the French Revolution. Sprawling between the two uprights lay the body of a tall thin man clad in a velvet smoking jacket. His hands were tied behind him and a white

cloth, hideously besmirched, concealed his head or rather the place where his head had been.

The light of the tapers, gleaming on a blood-spattered steel blade buried in the lunette, reached beyond to touch as with a halo the red-gold hair of the woman who sat beside that dreadful headless form. Regardless of our approach, she remained motionless in her high carved chair, her features a dark and brilliant eyes stared into the shadows with the unwinking fixity of a basilisk. In an experience of women covering three continents, I have never beheld a colder nor a more perfect face than that of the chateleine of Castle Arnsworth keeping vigil in that chamber of death.

Dawlish coughed. "You had best retire, my lady," he said bluntly. "Rest assured that Inspector Gregson here and I will see that justice is done."

For the first time she looked at us and so uncertain was the light of the tapers that for an instant it seemed to me that some swift emotion more akin to mockery than grief gleamed and died in those wonderful eyes.

"Stephen is not with you?" she asked incredulously. "But, of course, he would be in the library. Faithful Stephen!" "I fear that his lordship's death—"

She rose abruptly, her bosom heaving and one hand gripping the skirt of her black lace gown. "His damnation!" she hissed, and then, with a gesture of despair, she turned and glided slowly from the room. As the door closed, Sherlock Holmes dropped on one knee beside the guillotine and, raising the blood-soaked cloth, peered down at the terrible object beneath. "Dear me," he said quietly. "A blow of this force must have sent the head rolling across the room."

"Probably."

"I fail to understand. Surely you know where you found it?" "I didn't find it. There is no head."

FOR a long moment Holmes remained on his knees, staring up silently at the speaker. "It seems to me that you are taking a great deal for granted," he said at length, scrambling to his feet. "Let me hear your ideas on this singular crime."

"The plain enough. Some time last night, the two men quarrelled and eventually came to blows. The younger, overpowered the older and then killed him by means of this



Holmes dropped a match into the pile...

Then, a cry of horror FIRE!

The new exploits of Sherlock Holmes

By Adrian Conan Doyle

instrument. The evidence that Lord Cope was still alive when placed in the guillotine is shown by the fact that Captain Lothian had to lash his hands.

"The crime was discovered this morning by the butler, Stephen, and a groom, fetched me from the village, whereupon I took the usual steps to identify the body of his lordship and I listed the personal belongings found upon him. If you'd like to know how the murderer escaped, I can tell you that, too. On the mare that's missing from the stable."

"Most instructive," observed Holmes. "As I understand your theory, the two men engaged in a ferocious combat, being careful not to disarrange any furniture or smash the glass cases that clutter up the room. Then, having disposed of his opponent, the murderer rides into the night, a suitcase under one arm and his victim's head under the other. A truly remarkable performance."

AN angry flush suffused Dawlish's face. "It's easy enough to pick holes in other people's ideas, Mr. Sherlock Holmes," he sneered. "Perhaps you will give us your theory."

"I have none. I am awaiting my facts. By the way, when was your last snowfall?" "Yesterday afternoon."

"Then there is hope yet. But let us see if this room will yield us any information."

For some ten minutes we stood and watched him, Gregson and I with interest and Dawlish with an ill-concealed look of contempt on his weather-beaten face, as Holmes crawled slowly about the room on his hands and knees, muttering and mumbling to himself and looking like some gigantic dun-coloured insect.

He had drawn his magnifying glass from his cape pocket and I noticed that not only the floor, but the contents of the occasional tables were subjected to his feet he stood wrapped in thought, his back to the candlelight and his gaunt shadow falling on the faded red guillotine.

"It won't do," he said suddenly. "The murder was premeditated."

"How do you know?" "The cranking handle is freshly oiled, and the victim was brought here unconscious with his hands already bound."

"Then why were they tied?" "Ah! There is no doubt, however, that the man was brought here unconscious with his hands already bound. 'You're wrong there!' interposed Dawlish loudly. The eagerly, 'and coming from the

design on the lashing proves that it is a sash from one of these window curtains."

Holmes shook his head. "They are faded through exposure to daylight," said he, "and this is not. There can be little doubt that it comes from a door-curtain, of which there are none in this room. Well, there is little more to be learnt here."

The two police agents conferred together and Gregson turned to Holmes. "As it is after midnight," said he, "we had better retire to the village hostelry and tomorrow pursue our enquiries separately. I cannot but agree with Inspector Dawlish that while we are theorising here the murderer may reach the coast."

"I wish to be clear on one point, Gregson. Am I officially employed on this case by the police?"

"Impossible, Mr. Holmes!" "Quite so. Then I am free to use my own judgment. But give me five minutes in the courtyard and Doctor Watson and I will be with you."

THE bitter cold smote upon us as I slowly followed the gleam of Holmes's dark lantern along the path with thick snow.

that, backed by the front door, led across the courtyard to the front door.

"Fools!" he cried, stooping over the powdered surface. "Look at it, Watson! A regimental carriage wheels in three places. And here's Dawlish's boots and a pair of hobnails, probably a groom. A woman now, and running. Of course, Lady Cope and the first alarm. Yes, certainly it is her. What was Stephen doing out here? There is no mistaking his square-toed shoes. Doubtless you observed them, Watson, when he opened the door to us. But what have we here?"

The lantern paused and then moved slowly onwards. "Pump! Pump!" he cried. "and coming from the

front door. See, here he is again. Probably a tall man from the size of his feet, and carrying some heavy object. The stride is shortened and the toes more clearly marked than the heels. A burdened man always tends to throw his weight forward. He returns! Ah just so, just so! Well, I think that we have earned our beds."

My friend remained silent during our journey back to the village. But as we separated from Inspector Dawlish at the door of the inn he laid a hand on his shoulder.

"The man who has done this deed is tall and spare," said he. "He is about 50 years of age with a turned-in left foot and strongly addicted to Turkish cigarettes, which he smokes from a holder."

"Captain Lothian!" grunted Dawlish. "I know nothing about feet or cigarette holders, but the rest of your description is accurate enough. But who told you his appearance?"

"I will set you a question in reply. Were the Copes ever a Catholic family?"

The local inspector glanced significantly at Gregson and tapped his forehead. "Catholic? Well, now that you mention it, I believe they were in the old times. But what on earth..."

"Merely that I would recommend you to your own Guide book. Good-night."

On the following morning, after dropping my friend and myself at the castle gate, the two police officers drove off to pursue their inquiries further afield. Holmes watched their departure with a twinkle in his eye.

"I fear that I have done you injustice over the years, Watson," he commented somewhat enigmatically, as we turned away.

The elderly manservant opened the door to us, and as we followed him into the great hall it was painfully obvious that the honest fellow was still deeply afflicted by his master's death. "There is naught for you here," he cried shrilly. "My God, will you never leave us in peace?"

I have remarked previously on Holmes' gifts for putting others at their ease, and by degrees the old man recovered his composure. "I take it that this is the Agincourt window," observed Holmes, staring up at a small but exquisitely coloured stained glass casement, through which the winter sunlight threw a pattern of brilliant colours on the ancient stone floor.

"It is, sir. Only two in all England."

"Doubtless you have served the family for many years," continued my friend gently.

"Served 'em? Aye, me and mine for nigh two centuries. Ours is the dust that lies upon their funeral palls."

"I fancy they have an interesting history."

"They have that, sir."

"I seem to have heard that this ill-omened guillotine was specially built for some ancestor of your late master?"

"Aye, the Marquis de Rennes. Built by his own tenants. The vermin's haled him, they did simply because he kept up old customs."

"Indeed. What custom?" "Something about women, sir. The book in the library don't explain exactly." "Le droit de seigneur, perhaps."

"Well, I don't speak heathen, but I believe them, was the very words."

"H'm. I should like to see this library."

The old man's eyes slid to a door at the end of the hall. "See the library?" he grumbled. "What do you want there? Nothing but old books, and her Ladyship don't like—oh, very well."

He led the way ungraciously into a long low room lined to the ceiling with volumes and ending in a magnificent Gothic fireplace. Holmes, after strolling about listlessly, paused to light a cheroot.

"Well, Watson, I think that we'll be getting back," said he. "Thank you, Stephen. It is a fine room, though I am surprised to see Indian rugs."

"Indian!" protested the old man indignantly. "They're antique Persian."

"Surely Indian."

"Persian, I tell you! Them marks are inscriptions, as a gentleman like you should know. Can't see without your spy-glass? Well, use it, then. Now, drat it, if he hasn't spilled his matches!"

As we rose to our feet after gathering up the scattered vestas, I was puzzled to account for the sudden flush of excitement in Holmes's sallow cheeks.

"I was mistaken," said he. "They are Persian. Come, Watson, it is high time that we set out for the village and our train back to town."

A FEW minutes later we had left the castle. But to my surprise on emerging from the outer bailey, Holmes led the way swiftly along a lane leading to the stables.

"You intend to enquire about the missing horse," I suggested. "The horse? My dear fellow, I have no doubt that it is safely concealed in one of the home farms, while Gregson rushes all over the country. This is what I am looking for."

He entered the first loose-box and returned with his arms full of straw. "Another bundle for you, Watson, and it should be enough for our purpose."

"But what is our purpose?" "Primarily to reach the front door without being observed," he chuckled, as he shouldered his burden.

Having retraced our footsteps, Holmes laid his finger on his lips and cautiously opened the great door, slipped into a narrow closet, full of capes and sticks, where he proceeded to throw both our bundles on the floor.

"It should be safe enough," he whispered, "for it is stone-built. Ah! These two macintoshes will assist admirably. I have no doubt, as he struck a match and dropped it into the pile, 'that I shall have other occasions to use this modest stratagem.'"

As the flames spread through the straw and reached the macintoshes, thick black wreaths of smoke poured from the cloak-room door into the hall of Arnsworth Castle, accompanied by a hissing and crackling from the burning rubber.

"Good heavens, Holmes," I gasped, the tears rolling down my face. "We shall be suffocated!"

"Wait," he muttered, and even as he spoke there came a sudden rush of feet and a yell of horror.

"Fire!"

"What?"

"Fire!"

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"If you let me keep it, I'm willing to do without things... like the necessities I should get to go with it."

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READING of a man who "can touch the ground with his nose without bending his knees," I at once grasped the importance of such an achievement.

If he sharpens his nose a bit he can spear lilies without bending his knees, and so on. It is a very useful thing, this nose. It is not only useful in the kitchen, but in the office, too. A useful nose, an intelligent nose, a nose that is not only useful in the kitchen, but in the office, too. A useful nose, an intelligent nose, a nose that is not only useful in the kitchen, but in the office, too.

Carnival
THERE has been a hitch in the arrangements for the Carnival of Flowers in June. As has been reported, Missie Shapere, who was to be the Carnival Queen, but she has decided to leave the town. That 12,000 come to the carnival, with "Hive Five" on the bandstand, and the carnival will be a success. Missie Shapere, who was to be the Carnival Queen, but she has decided to leave the town. That 12,000 come to the carnival, with "Hive Five" on the bandstand, and the carnival will be a success.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Take an important step today in achieving one of your ultimate goals in life. Success can be yours.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—This may be your day to do a good deed. Offer to help, if you see a chance, rather than waiting to be asked.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't be too extravagant this evening, if you are entertaining friends. Keep the refreshments simple.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—A minor setback in your plans, but don't let it worry you. Tomorrow is another day—and another chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Circumstances can alter plans, and in a hurry, sometimes. Be prepared to make a quick switch, if need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Be sure to take up all opportunities offered today. One may be better than all the rest. Take that one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—You can be the peacemaker at



WHAT'S HIS LINE?

The letters on the visiting card—
A. BARKMAN, C.B.E.
If correctly rearranged, will spell the owner's "line" or occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

'Smother' Didn't Go At Bridge Tourney

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE play that American experts know as the "Smother" is known in Europe as the "Devil's Coup." Most experts know the play in theory, but seldom if ever get a chance to execute it because the situation is so rare in actual play. It must therefore have been very disappointing to the experts who took part in a recent "Olympic" in Italy to be robbed of a smother play by fine defensive play.

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The average player would give up at this point. West has more trumps than the dummy and is apparently sure to win a trump trick with his king. South expects to lose a trump, two diamonds, and a club.

An expert South would not

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★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★ LUSTRE IS THE LURE

IT is not the size and shape of women's eyes that captivate men, but their lustre. Tired eyes have a "dead fish" look, and here is a tip I have found most useful for reviving them. Soak pads of cotton wool in hot water and put them on your closed lids. This is surprisingly restful. You may be tempted to seek the more immediate relief of cold pads, but heat seems to have a more lasting and relaxing effect. Leave the pads on for a few minutes (why not lie with your feet up?) and then... on with the lustre.

The heat pads are the first stage of a three-in-one beauty treatment, for they will open the pores. This is the moment to smear castor oil round the eyes and eyelids.

The oil really does encourage the growth of the lashes. It also nourishes the skin of this whole area, which is so prone to wrinkle.

At this stage you will find that your superfluous eyebrows are very visible. Tidy them up then and there.

If you have spread the castor oil up round the eyebrows, you will find each tweak far less painful.

But don't do more than "tidy" them. If we scrutinise our faces, and look at the line of eyebrows we were born with, we usually have to admit that the top outline of our natural eyebrows is the best for balancing our features.

Eliminate stragglers (all stragglers), and shape a slight arch underneath the brows if you feel they are too low, but do leave the top alone.

Apart from the hairs across the bridge of the nose—which, of course, must go—don't be too drastic. So much of our facial expression depends on a few hairs.

THAT BAD STRIP
MANY of us have what is called a "combination skin." That means it is dry around the cheeks, forehead and outer part of the face, but has a greasy strip between the eyebrows, going down the sides of the nose and along that crease between the underlip and chin.

This strip, with its open pores, is a general dirt trap and a picnic ground for blackheads. Cleanliness is always essential for good grooming. This part calls for even deeper cleansing methods than usual.

With your make-up on, soak a bit of cotton wool in astrigent and rub it firmly but

smoothly (never roughly, which might damage the skin tissue) down between the eyebrows, the sides of the nose, and across the underlip.

Never allow the astringent to get anywhere near the dry areas of your skin or you will cause flaking. If you don't need the treatment between the brows and on the underlip, leave them alone even if you're giving your nose treatment.

Keep up this routine regularly once a week and you should find pores and blackheads disappearing. But do not expect miracles to happen from one day to the next.

THE PORES OPEN
THERE is no more luxurious feeling than stepping into a bath when you are weary, and a hot bath is a natural ally when it comes to beauty treatments.

For instance, after treating your greasy patch, step into the water with your face and neck covered with a superfatted cream. All pores are open by the steam, and they absorb the nourishment.

If high-priced creams are too expensive, invest in some castor and/or olive oil. Both are excellent for the skin.

Give your neck a weekly beauty scrub. This routine will pay you when your contemporaries are crying over deep circles and a hen-skin surface. Leave the cream off your neck when you get into the bath this time.

Make yourself a mitt of coarse Turkish towelling, and rub on some rich, superfatted baby soap. Start off on a good wash, using circular movements. And keep them moving upwards.

The circulation will be thoroughly activated. When you step out of the hot water, be brave and splash cold water all over your neck.

Do the same to your face when you have removed the cream. This will serve as a natural astringent and close up all the pores.

Your face will need no cream on it when you go to bed after the bath and cream treatment. But if you have just given your neck the rub and splash-down, a thin veneer of cream should be put on. It will be quickly absorbed and this, I hope, will avoid any marital moans.

These captivating eyes in the leading belong to Gene Tierney.

— Catherine Boyle

Don't Worry Too Much If The Child Refuses To Eat

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

PARENTS of young children, impressed with the importance of good nutrition, frequently find themselves between the devil and the deep blue sea. On the one hand, concern for normal growth and good nutrition; on the other, apprehension about emotional health.

Insistence upon eating creates problems, often amounting to serious antagonism between parent and child, which may carry over into adult life. How can this conflict between eating and personality be resolved without needless conflicts? The answer, though simple, is difficult for most parents, especially young parents, to accept. It is this—when the healthy child needs to eat, he will eat. In fact, you cannot stop him.

NEEDLESS FEAR
A young mother came to her doctor in despair about the eating habits of her four-year-old. "He won't eat his carrots at the table," she almost wailed. "No matter how I prepare them, he won't eat them."

The doctor explained to her that her worry about vitamin A, abundant in carrots, was groundless, as long as the youngster used whole milk and butter or margarine, ate oranges and other golden-yellow fruits and vegetables. The young mother progressed from frustration to indignation. "He won't eat his carrots at the table, but he swipes raw carrots in the kitchen and he loves them."

The doctor laughed. Raw carrots, of course, are just as good as cooked carrots, and in some ways better. This young mother was making a very common series of mistakes.

First, she was insisting that the child eat his food, as she wanted it eaten, not as he wanted it. There are few situations in which such insistence is necessary, and many in which it creates needless conflicts, which carry over into the whole pattern of eating. Mealtimes then become a contest between the will of the mother and that of the child, and all appetite for food may be lost.

Second, she was magnifying the importance of one food, instead of looking at the whole diet. There is seldom any one food so essential that it is worth a head-on collision between child and parent.

Third, she was overlooking the fact a child should enjoy his food, not be forced to eat it, like carrots raw, and ate and enjoyed them.

REQUIREMENTS VARY
The appetite of a child is as variable as that of an adult. At times he is hungry, and wants food, enjoys it, and eats without conflict. If he is given a chance. At other times he does not want it. The adult, in such a case, lets it alone until he needs and desires it. But that same adult is likely to force food on his child. The growth pattern of a child is not a continuous and unvaried one. It goes by

spurts and rests. As he grows older, he requires proportionately less food, in relation to his size and weight, than he did earlier when he was growing faster. His appetite declines. Later, in adolescence, he will revert to his larger appetite as his growth accelerates again. But in the pre-school and school years, there may be many times when his appetite will be small. At such times there is no profit in forcing him to eat.

IN HARMONY
Food and feelings, nutrition and personality, are not in conflict here, as might appear. They are in essential harmony. Just as the "demand" feeding for emotional problems with benign food rather than detrimental effort upon nutrition, so will a reasonable consideration for attitudes toward food help to overcome conflicts and difficulties. Fatigue, excitement, apprehension or anger interfere with a child's appetite just as they do with that of the adult. They are not resolved by an authoritarian parental "eat your dinner" with the implication—or else.

The omission of one food, or even one meal, does not preclude disaster. It takes quite a few weeks to starve, and no healthy child in his right mind will do it. Serene mealtimes, attractive food and not too much at a time, sensible consideration for likes and dislikes, and avoidance of conflicts over food, will bring nutrition and good personality.

A few daily conditioners can keep muscles in tone and hips within streamlined limits.

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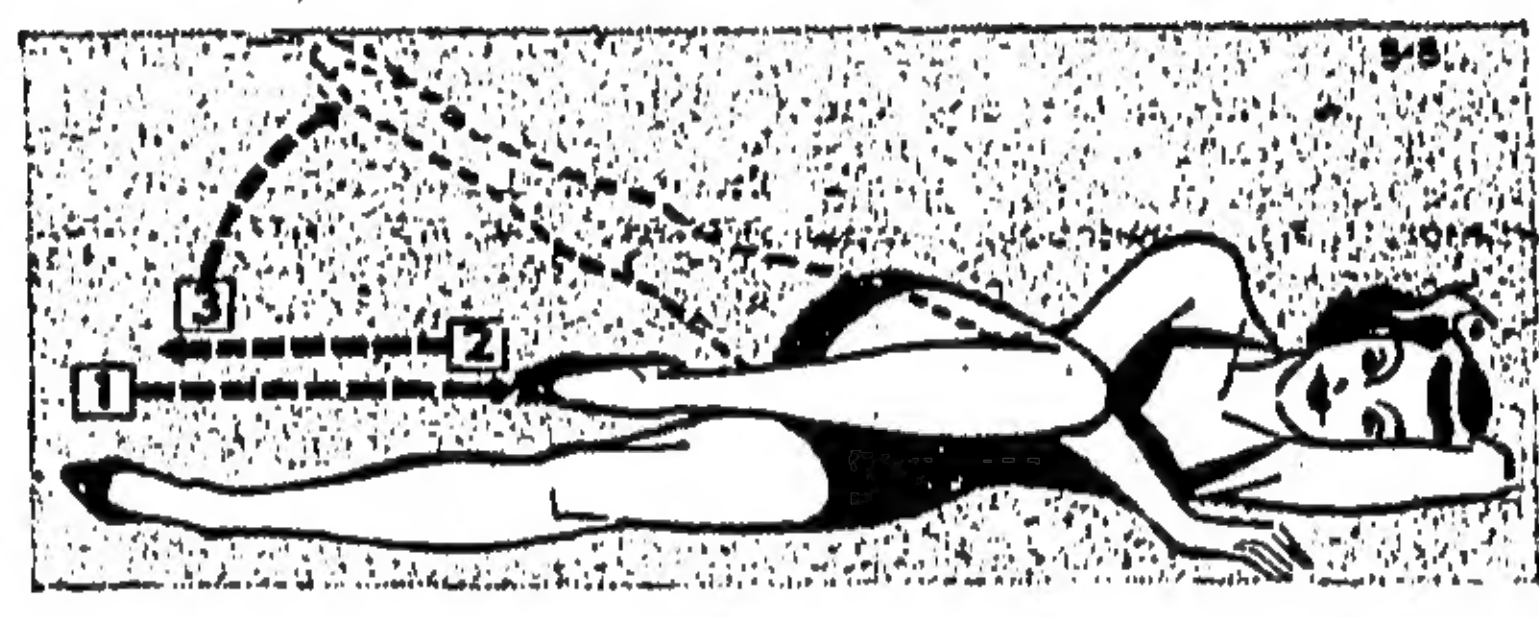
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FASHION AN INCENTIVE TO SLIMMING



You'll need slim hips to wear the new spring suits.

HAPPILY, skirts vary this spring from streamlined slim to fluid fullness. But, as always, in the smartest suits, skirts are pencil slim and true to figure. So take your choice. But if you choose the slim line, then hip-toning exercises are de-rigueur.

Fashion can jolt you into brisk action, but the incentive to carry on can only come through results. Slimming a half inch off the hip line in a single week breaks down all resistance to calisthenics. To achieve this effect, the exercise routine must be as simple as the hip-spreading muscles.

If your weight is normal, or nearly so, the trouble is not so much added fat as it is loss of muscle tone. With gradual exercise, tone can be restored to the minimum muscles bounding the sides of the hip-line, and the gluteus maximus,

which is that large fleshy muscle at the back of the hip. However, if excess weight also figures in the hip measurement, then calorie cutting is necessary, too. In other words, with overweight, you must diet as well as exercise to slim the hips.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Good Trick on Mr. Punch

—He Dreamed He Was Floating—and He Really Was!

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children who turned about names found their friend Mr. Punch dozing in his chair in the sunny window. He was sleeping very peacefully, and there was a very pleasant smile on his lips as though he was having a wonderful dream.

Now Knarf, seeing Mr. Punch sleeping, thought it would be a good idea to play a trick on him. So he whispered to his sister about playing a trick on Mr. Punch, and Hanid nodded in agreement.

Got Two Balloons
Then Knarf and Hanid got two balloons and tied the strings very quietly to Mr. Punch's coat.

Knarf and Hanid thought it would be a very funny joke on Mr. Punch when he woke up to see his coat-tails floating in the air over his head.

But no sooner had Knarf and Hanid tied the balloon strings to Mr. Punch's coat, than a surprising thing happened.

Instead of Mr. Punch's coat-tails floating up in the air, Mr. Punch himself floated up out of the chair and started sailing slowly around the room, just under the ceiling. But Mr. Punch didn't wake up. His eyes remained closed.

It was an alarming thing to see Mr. Punch sailing around just under the ceiling. It was an even more surprising thing to see him go sailing out through the open window and out over the garden, held up by

the two balloons attached to his coat!

Knarf and Hanid ran out into the garden after him. But by this time, Mr. Punch had sailed over the garden fence and was floating down the road. He still seemed to be asleep.

Raced After Him
Knarf and Hanid raced after him. Down the road continued Mr. Punch, just high enough over the heads of Knarf and Hanid for them not to be able to touch him or pull him down.

Finally Mr. Punch floated over the bridge and into town, with Knarf and Hanid just behind him.

"Look!" Knarf said to the policeman. "There goes Mr. Punch!"

The policeman rubbed his eyes as he looked up at Mr. Punch who was now floating down Bank Street toward Railroad Street.

"The strangest sight I've ever seen," said the policeman. "But if Mr. Punch feels like travelling by balloon, there's no law against it."

Knarf and Hanid chased after Mr. Punch again. He was now floating over the railroad tracks.

"Come down, Mr. Punch!" Hanid shouted. But Mr. Punch continued fast asleep.

He floated several times around one of the arms of the railroad gates that was tilted high up. Then he floated off toward the baseball field.

"Look at Mr. Punch sailing in the air!" all the boys playing baseball shouted. They watched him for a second or two, then they went on with their baseball game, for that was more important than watching Mr. Punch.

On reaching the hill Knarf tells Rupert to leave the spade and the black spark a little distance outside. Now some go in and get the wheelbarrow. Two lines up, he says. "Nobody ever visits this old, tumble-down shed as I'm no longer interested. I've making my own plans."

fireworks with wonderful new colours. Rupert looks and sees rough shelves filled with prizes and bottles. "It's all very interesting," he murmurs, "but however, I'm not going to help you get any spark to feed his pet."

And Knarf and Hanid wondered if he really knew that he really had been floating around on two balloons.

Mr. Punch floated over the river again, floated up the road, and floated in through the window right over his chair. At that very instant, just as Knarf and Hanid rushed into the room, the two balloons burst, and Mr. Punch fell right into his chair.

The jolt woke him up. He opened his eyes and looked at Knarf and Hanid.

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JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

POMEROY—EBRAHIM MATCH
WILL BE THE MAIN
ATTRACTION TONIGHT

By "ARGONAUT"

The Colony Junior Badminton Championships, which are fast reaching their final stages, continue this evening at St Teresa's Hall with a programme of four matches.

Main attraction of the evening's games will be the Men's Singles quarter-final between second-seeded Johnny Pomero, Jr. and Craigenger's dark-horse of this season's tournament, M. A. Ebrahim.

In his previous round Ebrahim scored a stunning upset when he eliminated third-seeded Joseph Pao of Hongkong University in two straight sets. The most tricky player in the tournament, Ebrahim is expected to give the tremendously improved Pomero an extremely close run if not win in tonight's game.

Another good singles match is the clash between the two leading schoolboy players, Wong Shu-kyong and E. Marquez-Lim. Both are dogged fighters with Marquez-Lim being the more powerful hitter and Wong the more lasting in stamina.

The only Men's Doubles match of the evening between the top-seeded combination of Jimmy Ku and Albert Tam and University's K. L. Hui and S. T. Hui should also produce some good and exciting badminton.

Whereas Hui and Hui showed up impressively in their last match, Ku and Tam produced form much below expectations when they defeated A. Rosa and B. Xavier of Recreio last week. They will have to give a much better display this evening to prevent an upset.

IN REPLY

In last Saturday's issue of this paper, reference was made by a correspondent to my account of the Men's "A" Division League final between the Chinese YMCA and Craigenger.

In reply I will only say that in writing the letter the correspondent only supports the fact that there has been a deplorably increasing tendency by both players and supporters during the past few seasons to always offer some excuses for defeats.

Just as it isn't sporting for a player in any sport to offer an excuse when he is defeated, so it is a poor columnist who tries to look for that excuse when a favourite goes down.

My opinion and description of the match was based on what I saw and will be supported by common sense. How could a

player contest strongly every point until the score reached 8-4 if his arm was badly hurt before the match?

This reminds me of a match in which a player indicated that he could not play in the singles because of a leg injury but expressed a strong willingness to play in the doubles.

On the same logic, if that player could not play in the singles, he certainly could not do himself or his team justice in the doubles.

In most of my reports I have expressly avoided giving excuses for the losers and have always given the winners their due credit for the very reason that when a player in any form of sport takes to the field in any form of competition, it is taken for granted that he is a hundred per cent fit. Otherwise he should not be in the competition and on the field.

If any excuse could be offered for the Y's defeat in the League final—and that I would concede—it would be overstrain from over-practice during the two weeks prior to the final.

The whole "Y" team were so much bound that they found it difficult to maintain their normal smashing and hard-hitting game.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

At Recreio

7.30 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Singles: Wong Shu-kyong v Ed Marquez-Lim.

8 p.m. (Semi-Final) Ladies' Doubles: Bernadine Remedios & Gloria Sequiera v Ho Shok-kam & Cinder Ho.

8.30 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Doubles: Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam v Hui Seng-tuck & Dr K. L. Hui.

9 p.m. (Quarter-Final) Men's Singles: M. A. Ebrahim v Junior Pomero.

TOMORROW

At CCC

7.30 p.m. (Semi-Final) Mixed Doubles: S.K. Wong & Chan

Yuen-yue v P.V. Yau & Perin Dhabher.

8 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Singles: F.M. Rozario v S.T. Hui.

8.30 p.m. (Semi-finals) Ladies' Doubles: Mary Wong & Perin Dhabher v Diana Yung & Chan Yuen-yue.

9 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Doubles: P.V. Yau & Ebrahim v Siu Chuen & S.K. Wong.

RHKDF BEAT
SERVICES BY
10 WICKETS

Royal Hongkong Defence Force easily defeated the Combined Services yesterday by 10 wickets in a friendly cricket match at Chater Road.

The Combined Services opened their innings first and on the strong fifth-wicket partnership between Li Withall and Major Bally were able to declare their innings 130 runs.

At the fall of the fifth wicket Combined Services' score was only 62 runs but Withall and Bally added another 75 runs in 53 minutes. Then Bally was cleaned bowled by Hall for 37. Withall who was second wicket down battled till the ninth wicket when he was stumped by Rummah for 47 runs. The Services then declared at 150 runs.

A.P. Pereira of the RHKDF was responsible for three Services' wickets in nine overs for 14 runs, while G. N. Gosano and P. A. Hall bowled two wickets apiece for 47 runs in 14 overs and 19 runs in four overs respectively.

After tea L. D. Kilbee and L. G. Gosano opened the RHKDF innings and their brilliant partnership won the match for the RHKDF by 10 wickets. Kilbee knocked out 82 runs and Gosano 50.

THE SCORES

Combined Services
Cpl West, b. Carrall 12
Sgt. Gilling, b. Pereira 24
2/Lt. Thorne, lbw Pereira 24
L. Withall, st. Rummah b. Owen-Hughes 37
L. G. Gosano, lbw Pereira 50
L. D. Kilbee, lbw Hall 82
Major Chubb, b. G. N. Gosano 47
P. A. Hall, not out 19
Extras 5
Total (for 9 wickets declared) 150

2/Lt. Weir did not bat.
Fall of wickets—1-13, 2-19, 3-64, 4-34, 5-62, 6-137, 7-137, 8-140, 9-150.

Bowling Analysis
R.C.N. Carrall, 0 M R W
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G.N. Gosano, 14 2 26 2
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L.D. Kilbee, 4 1 17 1
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Extras 5 0 0 0
Total 150

RHKDF
L.D. Kilbee, not out 82
L.G. Gosano, not out 50
Extras 18
Total 150

Bowling Analysis
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MOVE TO INTRODUCE
GREYHOUND RACING
TO MALAYA

Johore Bahru, Apr. 12.

One of the most popular sports in Europe—greyhound racing—will be introduced to Malaya for the first time shortly, if plans now in hand are approved by the Johore State Government. The plans provide for a promotion costing about M\$2,000,000 and have been submitted to the State Secretary by a syndicate of Chinese businessmen. The State Secretary said last night that if greyhound racing was to be introduced only as a sport, it would meet with little opposition from the Government. But if the sport involved gambling similar to the turf club, it would have to seek the approval of the Federal Government.—United Press.

Popular Move
By HENRY LONGHURST

We all tend to mingle, I suppose, with persons whose opinions are liable to coincide with our own. It may, therefore, be only for this reason that I find myself constantly in the company of people who feel that the game of golf has become an unnecessarily complicated affair.

Such an impression is bound to be fortified by one's first visit to a place already celebrated for antiquity, if a faintly tarnished antiquity, in other directions—namely, Piltown.

Here is the original primeval golf which from time to time is to be found lingering on heaths and commons, with nothing "fancy" about the architecture of their holes, no bunkers and no hope of getting permission to dig them. The hazards are the gorse, the heather, the wind—and the difficulty of hitting a golf ball.

Berkhamsted and Huntercombe are other courses of this order and so, to a limited extent, is Alwoodley. They hold a great attraction for me.

ENDURING STYLE

At Piltown the clubhouse is on an equally primitive and equally enduring style. An ancient farmhouse, its single parlour-lounge radiates an atmosphere of instant friendliness much valued by the golfing connoisseur and quite impossible to produce in a barrack-like country club.

The changing rooms are small closets about nine feet square; there is no running water, and the attitude of the members to any suggestion of modernisation, even of the 18th-century earthworks round the corner at the back, is "over my dead body."

The immense fun of playing this purely "natural" golf again set me wondering whether some of the folk who complain of the high cost of the game (as they play it) would not be both surprised and delighted if they rediscovered it in this elementary form.

With simplicity goes economy. To play on the course at Piltown makes one realise how farcical are these sets of iron as numerous as those on a dentist's tray, plus a cabin trunk to wheel them round in.

The odd numbers are certainly enough—though I would not say so if I were a professional trying to sell you a set—and carry only these has the added merit that you are never in doubt as to what club to take. You obviously cannot get up with the seven, you would obviously go over with the three, so it must be the five. Q. E. D.

I had not realised till reading Mr. Guy Farrer's revealing in "Golf Illustrated" that the annual maintenance cost at Hoylake is £23,000, what a burden this item can be. It is useless, of course, to point out that if the courses were not so big, they would not cost so much to keep up, and that, if the ball did not go so far everybody could have exactly the same game, shot for shot, as they do now, on a course two thirds the size.

THE BONNET
This elementary proposition is well known as a bee in your correspondence bonnet, and is for the golfers themselves. It is equally well known that, while for five days a week a man may control the destinies of millions, on the other two he is quite unable to see that length is purely relative and that the point is not to hit the ball a

HAROLD MAYES Talking Sport

Cockell Would Have Lost
Under American Rules

If Don Cockell had fought Roland LaStarza in New York, LaStarza would have won by five rounds to three, with two even. That's for sure. And in the eyes of American observers of the fight in London, the margin would have been still wider.

That is the story, too, which by this time LaStarza and his manager, Jimmy DeAngelo, will have told officials of the International Boxing Club.

It is the story, he will also have told to Al Weill, manager of World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano.

FIRMER STILL

How does that affect the British fight situation? Not at all, unless you realise that it means the dream of three world title fights in London this year—at heavyweight, middleweight and cruiserweight—is rapidly becoming no more than an illusion.

The performances in their last appearance of Randy Turpin and Yolande Pommer rub these two off the slate. The fact that LaStarza and his camp went back to the States ready to carry the "robbed" line to still greater lengths than they exploited it here rules out the biggest and best bite of all.

They were firmly convinced that there is definite one-way traffic on the question of low blows: convinced that if it had been LaStarza instead of Cockell who was warned three times that the fight would have ended in disqualification.

"Leo Savoldi warned me before I came that if I hit below the solar plexus I should be disqualified," LaStarza told me. "Billy Graham and Teddy Yaroz, both of whom had fought in England, told me that I had to score a knockout to win."

The commission officials (the BBB of C.) told me about all the things that I couldn't do, and finally I decided that hitting to the body would be dangerous to my chances. So I didn't fight my best fight," he added.

PROVING HIMSELF

DeAngelo was a good deal more definite about it. Not in the heat of the moment for the Earl's Court contest, but just a few hours before he left for home.

"I shall tell Al Weill that it would be foolish for him to bring Marciano to fight in England. With Rocky's rough style he'd get robbed of his title if he did," he said.

That, I feel, will be sufficient, even without the fact that financial returns could never approach anything like what Marciano can get in the States with the help of television fees, to ensure that if and when Don Cockell gets his title shot it will be in New York.

Is the Marciano contest his next? Frankly, although Don fought a good deal better than the majority of people had expected he would do, there are still bridges to be crossed before he gets a world championship fight—one across the Atlantic.

"Tell Don from me that I'd like to meet him again on some neutral ground—like Madison Square Garden," LaStarza told me.

And I believe that before Cockell is offered as the sacrificial lamb—because in spite of the merit of his performance that would be the situation in a Cockell-Marciano contest—the Sussex farmer is likely to be asked to prove himself in the States, either against LaStarza again or against another American.

CASH—NOT GLORY

When I tackled Don's manager, John Simpson, on this matter, he told me "We'll fight for the title, if we get the opportunity—but only provided the price is right. We're interested in cash—not honour and glory." How I applied such a straightforward attitude.

This, such I can tell him, showed American judges who watched the contest feel that we in Britain have underrated our

champion. They insist that he's a better fighter than we think he is, even now.

They also think he could be considerably improved by a number of fights in the States. Simpson himself is aware of the fact that Cockell needs a good deal of work. I know he won't be prepared to allow Don to sit and wait for the possibility of a September contest.

In those circumstances I hope that Cockell will go to the States for two or three fights, because in the process, with repetitions of his LaStarza form, I feel he would have no difficulty in convincing the Americans that he's worthy of a title contest. Right now, in spite of his latest success, I think he has yet to prove it to them.

ETHICAL?
But one thing that I hope will happen at home, above all other

considerations, for the benefit of it takes place, and when it is possible for a British fighter in a British ring to be warned three times without incurring penalties for low blows, I think the time has come for Britain to fall in line and scrap a boxing antiquity.

Calmer than anyone else in his dressing room after his defeat LaStarza really summed-up the whole situation of differing rules about low blows when he asked Boxing Board officials J. Onslow Fane and Teddy Waltham: "Is it ethical?"

Frankly, I don't think it is.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
TENTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 10th April & Saturday 17th April, 1954.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 22 RACES

The First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 2 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The time interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.).

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 10 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

MEMBERS ARE INFORMED THE 1954 SETS OF MEMBERS' BADGES AND LADIES' BROOCHES NOW SUPERSEDE THE PREVIOUS ISSUE.

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Titles will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$44.00.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Race Meeting for which they are reserved will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets. The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 1st Day (10th April) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Almeida Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 11 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 8th May, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tie Tee men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards

H. MISA, Secretary.

HOW TO HANDLE
THE RUSSIANS

(Continued from Page 4)

he was permanently shadowed by police cars and NKVD officials; all local Kommandanturas were warned of his impending courtesy visits and received him with friendliness and unhesitating politeness; and such harmless remarks as "Do you like vodka?" or "Is there much to do in the evenings here?" and "so forth" would throw a Commandant into a state of deep suspicion and watchfulness.

Brigadier Dewhurst lists the major blunders of Stalin's regime since the War and believes that Malenkov has seen the red light in Europe and is now looking East rather than West. If, he argues, the Soviet Army could not continue westward in 1940-47 when it held so many advantages, would she dare to advance westward now that Europe is re-constituted, strengthened and rearmed?

While the strength of her army obviously eclipses those of the Western Powers, she suffers from many deficiencies. She is short of important technical equipment in the air she has not the technique of strategic bombing; there is no indication that her AA defences are as modern as our own; she does not possess a single aircraft carrier.

He estimates that she is two years behind the United States in atomic development and has yet to produce atomic tactical weapons. Her economic potential in steel, iron, coal and oil is only about a third of the West's, and she cannot trust her satellites. She is scared of America's ability to deliver atomic and hydrogen bombs, and of her technological superiority.

In view of all this it is possible to reach some agreement with the Soviet Union? "If Russia's internal stresses have wrought a desire for disarmament," states Brigadier Dewhurst, "and if she suffers from some, or most, of the weaknesses I have traced upon, then we may find her more ready (in her own strange way) to discuss some alternative to the ruling arms race which Stalin began. And let us, in our dealings with her ministers or lesser officials, remember that we are not dealing with people of our own persuasion, but with persons impelled by complex which are a by-product of revolution. It is often urged that we should only speak to Russia 'from strength.' But we must also deal with her from understanding."

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"LAOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th May 14th May

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Sails		
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S. "ANTIOCHUS"	do	16th Apr.
S. "CYCLOPS"	do	17th Apr.
S. "PERSEUS"	do	18th Apr.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/s "CYCLOPS"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on April 12 and 13, 1954, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.

Hongkong, April 10, 1954.

NOTICE

HONG KONG MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Third Floor, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1954, at Noon for the purpose of:—

- (1) Receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account.
- (2) Election of Directors.
- (3) Election of Auditors.
- (4) General.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Ordinary Yearly Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1954.

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Hong Kong Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the British Red Cross Society will be held on Tuesday, 18th April, 1954 at 5.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat (3rd Floor), Lower Albert Road.

A. DALTON,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

CIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES

Consignees per Company's s.s. "VIET-NAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godowns, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the War terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Friday, 16th April, 1954.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 17th April, 1954, will be subject to sale.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 6th June, 1954, or they will not be recognised.

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CIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES

Hongkong, 12th April, 1954.

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India's Part

In Helping

To End War

Bombay, Apr. 11.
The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, said today India did not want to involve herself in the conflicts of others, but that if her intervening could mean that a war could be brought to an end, "we would certainly do so".

Mr. Nehru said the use of threats and counter-threats would not make for success at the forthcoming Geneva conference.

What was essential to make deliberation a success, he added, was to "seek reasonableness and the will to succeed".

India would do her best to see to it that the conference did not fail.

The Premier, who was addressing a public meeting, pointed out that the two most important questions at the conference would be Korea and Indo-China. India helped in bringing the Korean war to an end, he said, but the Indo-China war still needed efforts to do so.

—France Press.

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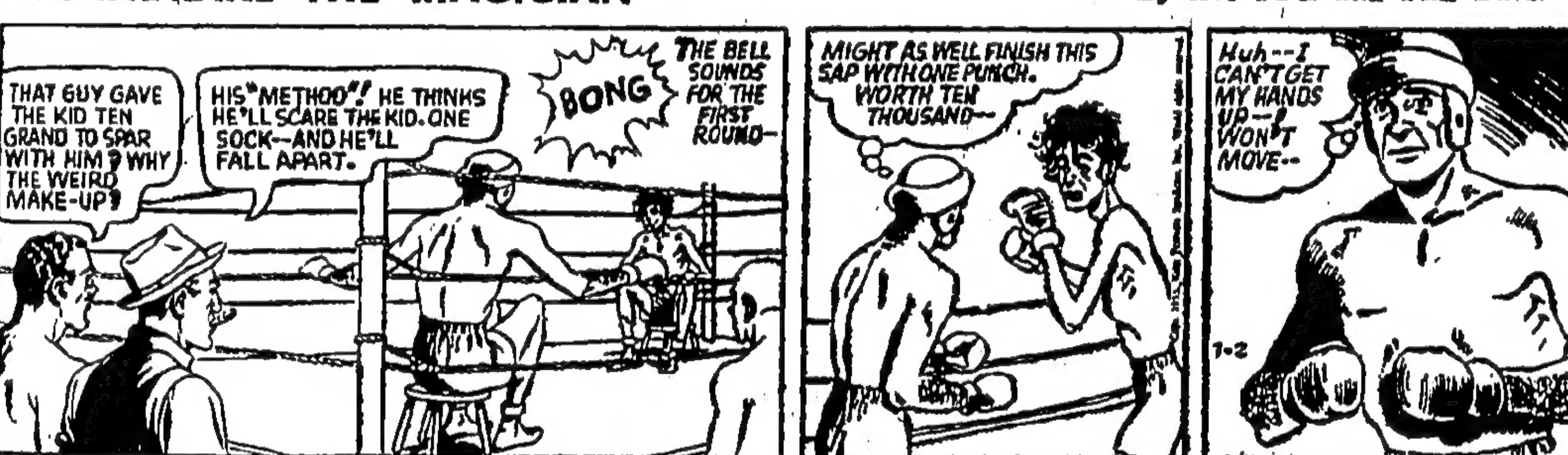
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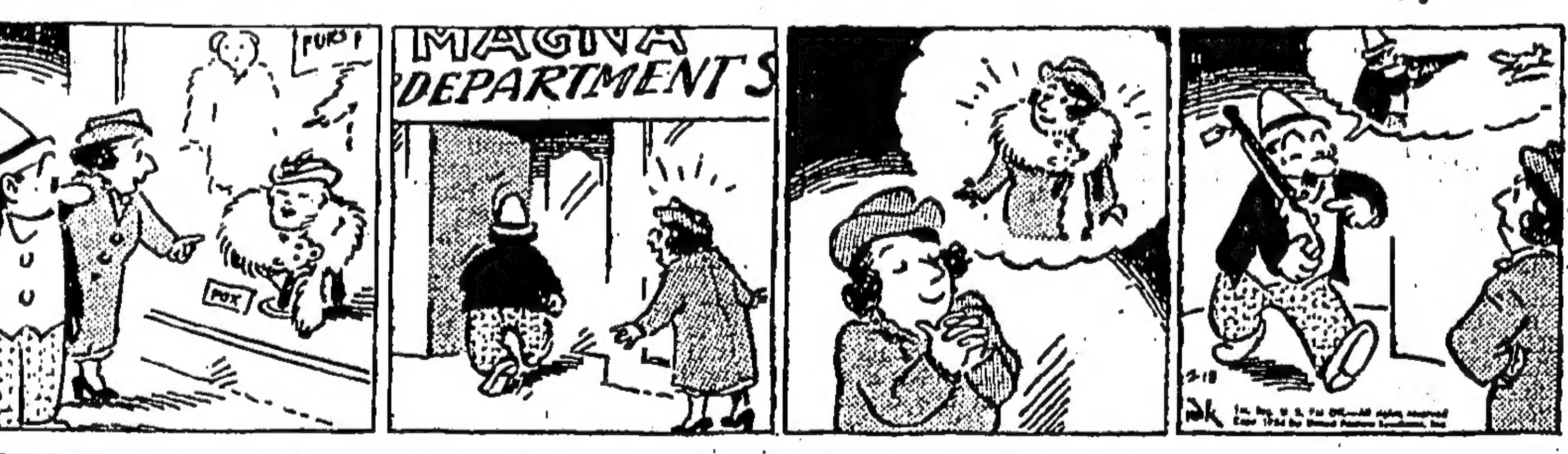
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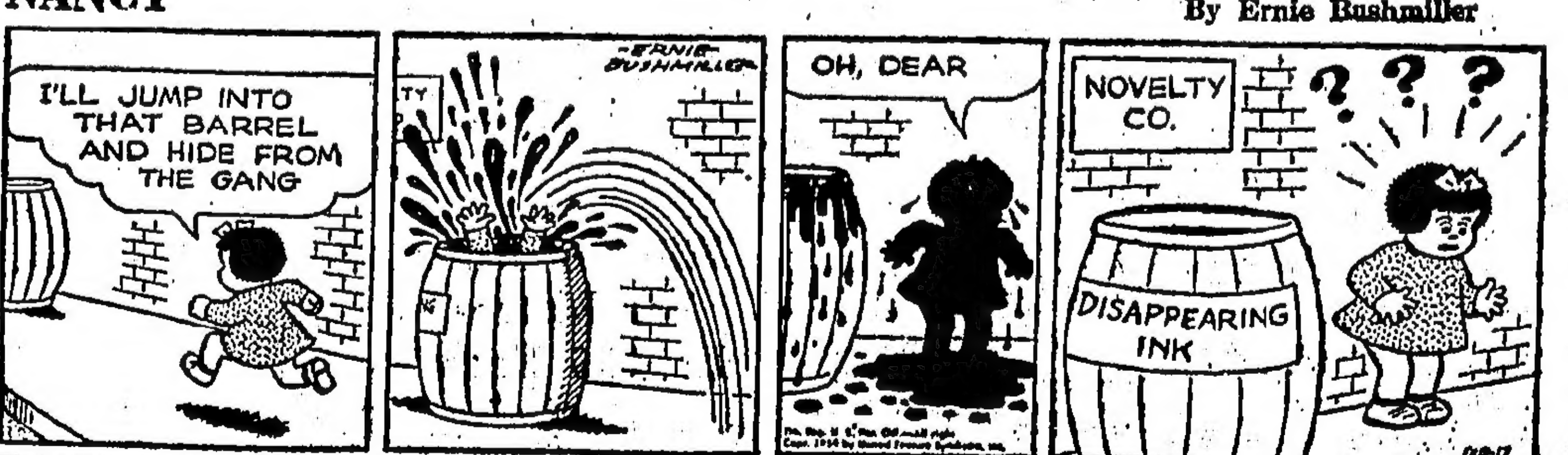
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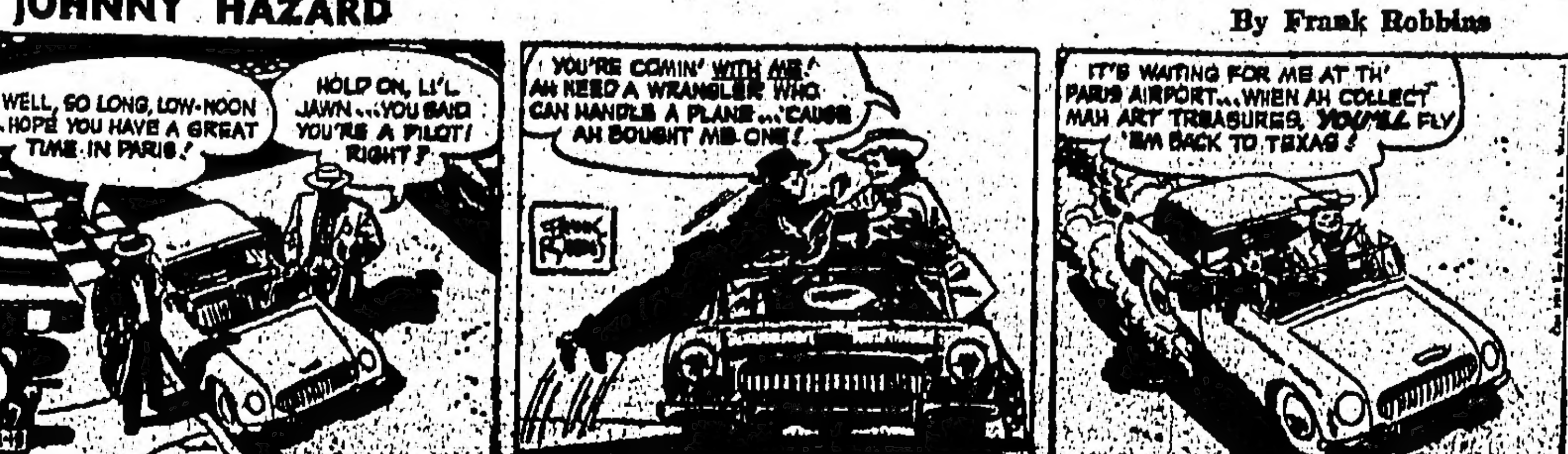
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They Don't Want Japan To Rearm

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An American pacifist organisation today called upon the Japanese to oppose the rearmament of Japan, but without violence.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a religious pacifist organisation claiming 12,000 members in the United States, disclosed that it had addressed a letter to "the people of Japan" and another to the 23 crew members of the ship "Lucky Dragon" that was caught under a radioactive fall-out near Bikini on March 1.

The letter to the fishermen said their experience was a reminder of "the monstrous threat of atomic war."

"It is with sorrow and shame that we confess that our own nation bears a large share of responsibility for this," it read. "It was the U.S. Government which dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. By a unilateral decision it proceeded to make H-bombs and perform the recent tests with the appalling results. It seeks to induce your own country to return in violation of your constitution..."

"It is our hope that the calamity which overtook you may strengthen in the Japanese people the determination non-violently to resist rearmament and the consequent violation of their constitution, and that all the peoples may join in this announcing war."

The other letter, the organisation said, was being conveyed to the Japanese people by a branch of the Fellowship in Tokyo—United Press.

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NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO FILL VOID LEFT BY THE ROYAL VISIT

From H. King Wood

Sydney, Apr. 9.

Somewhat it is rather an empty existence today, but perhaps we have been fed on excitement for too long.

It goes back, maybe, to last November, when the greatest Christmas spending spree of all times began, with the days getting madder and madder until the closing of shop doors on Christmas Eve brought some relief.

Then, on January 2, workmen began decorating Sydney in earnest, a job that kept going with increasing tempo until that lovely February morning when Gothic steamed up the harbour.

We had the Queen and the Duke here in New South Wales with us for a fortnight, and for over six weeks there were new thrills as the Royal Party moved from State to State.

Now it is all over and nothing has happened to take its place... the papers are carrying on a minor sniping war with the police, there's been a couple of kidnappings, a few murders, but nothing in anyway heart-warming like the visit of a Queen.

One interesting aftermath of the Royal Tour is a suggestion that Australia should now be thinking of providing the Queen with a home in this country.

The suggestion came from the Minister who was in charge of the Royal Tour, newly knighted Sir Eric Harrison.

Reviewing the two-month tour which ended at Fremantle, Sir Eric Harrison said, "Her Majesty is a great lover of horses and the Royal Farms are noted for their stud cattle."

"Why not a Royal sheep stud in Australia? It would be a simple way of establishing a permanent Royal residence here and would also be a world-wide advertisement for our great wool industry."

One thing is certain: All Australia believes that the Queen will be back.

EASTER SHOW

One event that will give us a kick along for the next few weeks will be the Royal Easter Show.

Forty people are organising this 25-million parade of the State's wealth in primary produce and industry and it will be viewed by more than a million people in 10 days and five nights.

Each year entries are always a record and this time they top 30,000—which will more than load the capacity of the Show Society's 7½-acre ground on the outskirts of Sydney. Many thousands of pounds have been spent during the year on alterations and additions in an attempt to make yet more room for exhibits.

Many experts, of course, play a big part in organising the world's biggest show.

Take the wood chops, for example. Getting the blocks for the Royal's famous wood-chops is an art all of its own.

SELECTS TREES
Mr Clive McIntosh, a sawmill owner way up on the North Coast, looks after this department. In the heart of the timber forests of the Great Dividing Range he selects the blackbutt trees which provide the many tons of logs and blocks needed during the Show.

His team of axemen fell the selected logs, trim them into logs and saw them into blocks. They travel down to Sydney with the timber, and in a park outside the showground, trim it down to the dimensions required for the various contests.

Besides deciding whether a tree would be of suitable texture, Clive McIntosh has to estimate the actual diameter when stripped of bark.

Blocks used for any one heat—usually consist of eight axemen—must all come from the one tree. Woodchop timber has to be felled close to Show time so that the sap does not have time to dry out. In this way axemen compete on timber as similar as possible in texture to that which they would encounter in the course of their work in the forests.

Incidentally, these blocks, and the huge chips which the axemen bite out with each swing of their axes, go to hospitals after the Show.

Last week we mentioned the retirement of Lieut-General

Frank Berryman—now Sir Frank. He was knighted the day the Queen left Australia for his work as Director-General of the Royal Tour.

There has been a persistent buzz that Sir Frank was going to take over an important civil job. He has it was announced yesterday that he has been appointed to the new post of Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Show Society, a job that carries a salary of £3,000 a year, expenses of £500, and a fairly comfortable home in 7½ acres of ground—the Showground.

It is confidently expected that he will in due course give this organisation a fairly hefty shot in the arm and make future Royals bigger and better than ever.

Something We Never Hear About These Days: The Royal Commissioner's Report on Liquor.

STORMY PETREL OUT
So they finally got rid of Clive Ewall, the stormy petrel of the NSW Labour Cabinet.

Only puzzle to most people is how Clive managed to survive for so long. Whatever portfolio he was given, or whatever outside job he took on he managed to see that there was never a dull moment.

Clive was president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—and eight secretaries flowed through the office in two months of this year. He has had trouble as Chief Secretary and trouble as Housing Minister. Yet, without fail, in elections held among Labour members for those to hold Cabinet rank he was always returned near the top of the list—one reason, no doubt, why Premier Cahill has held his hand for so long.

He finally resigned because the Premier threatened to hand to the Governor the resignation of his Cabinet and reform it again a Minister short—in other words, Clive Ewall.

But all members of the Labour Party aren't happy about the move and are asking what it has done to Labour's chances at the Federal Elections in May.

From all accounts, Leader of the Federal Labour Party, "Doc" Ewall, is particularly peeved about the way NSW has treated the young brother.

POPULAR SYSTEM
Hiro purchase and time-payment debts in Australia are soaring, according to a nationwide survey made recently.

Last December £80-million was outstanding on cars and other goods purchased for personal use.

This figure excludes motor trucks and buses, farm implements and industrial plant, and cars used for business.

The £80-million compares with £12-million in June, 1939, and £54½-million in 1951.

A spokesman for the Institute which made the survey said: "The spectacular growth of hire purchase over the last few years needs careful watching."

"Hire purchase is a natural response to modern economic processes and, if rightly administered, contributes to the national good."

"But the inherent danger should not be overlooked."

Official Slain

Casablanca, Apr. 11. Zorro, Ben Loh, a local official, was shot dead in his office in Casablanca today by an assassin who escaped—Routier.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Are you the young man whose jokes I've had to explain for the benefit of my wife and daughter?"

Man Accused Of Murdering Neighbour In Hongkong Flat

A violent attack on residents of a flat in Spring Garden Lane early on the morning of November 9, last year, was related by Mr D.N.E. Rae, Crown Counsel, when the trial against a 46-year-old clerk, Tse Cho-lau, on a charge of murder, began before Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Tse, a clerk formerly employed in the Hongkong Electric Company, is alleged to have murdered Tang Yiu-fook at No. 25, Spring Garden Lane, first floor, on November 9, last year. He is represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr H. Caine, and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

An all-male jury of seven was empanelled. Opening the case for the Crown, Mr Rae said that the deceased was the principal tenant of No. 25, Spring Garden Lane, first floor, where he lived with his wife and children. The accused lived with his wife and daughter and son in the rear cubicle and the other rooms were also occupied.

On the day before the incident, the accused refused to take rice which he alleged had been poisoned by his wife. As a result, he was later sent to Queen Mary Hospital and after being examined he was discharged and was referred to the mental clinic.

At about 2.45 a.m. on November 9, he was seen sitting on his bed and heard making a similar allegation, but was soothed by his daughter, Mr Rae said.

About 15 minutes later, accused left his bed and went to the kitchen. He returned with his hands behind his back. Suddenly, he produced a chopper and struck his wife. His children tried to intervene and were also attacked, Mr Rae said.

ATTACK WITNESSED
Accused then went to the middle cubicle and tried to attack everyone in general, Mr Rae said. He then went to the front cubicle and attacked the deceased. He left the deceased on the kitchen but returned again chopping him repeatedly. The attack was witnessed by several people present in the cubicle and deceased was found to have died as a result of the wounds he had received.

Mr Rae said that the deceased was the only one who had died but there would be evidence given as to the wounds sustained by other people during the attack.

At the time of the commotion, a neighbour, Ng Hong, called an alarm and the Police arrived.

Insp. K. Bodie and Insp. Wilson entered the rear of the floor to arrest the accused. "From the circumstances, the officers acted with tremendous courage to arrest this man who was armed with a chopper."

The accused discovered the approach of the Police and turned back whereupon Insp. Bodie fired a shot but did not hit him. There was a struggle during which accused attempted to

Manlaughter Charge Against G. D. Sloss

Opening Of Committal Proceedings

Committal proceedings against Geoffrey Duncan Sloss, 30, of 375A The Peak, charged with manslaughter and four traffic offences began before Mr Lawrence Leong at Central this morning.

Mr W. D. Hobbie, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Prosecution, assisted by Chief Inspector W. Eggleston, and Sub-Insp. P. T. Moor. Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr W. C. R. Carr, appeared for the defence. Mr Yu entered pleas of not guilty to all five charges.

Charges against the defendant are that on February 25 he unlawfully killed Ng Chow; that while driving his car, HK3927, along Hennessy Road at 3.30 a.m. on the same day, he failed to stop after colliding with public vehicle No. 4382; driving dangerously at 3.30 a.m. outside the St. Francis Hotel; driving dangerously at 3.40 a.m. at Hennessy Road outside the China International Motors; and driving while under the influence of drink.

Mr Hobbie informed the Court that at this stage of the proceedings the Crown was not going to proceed with three other charges against the accused—namely two counts of careless driving, which were alternative charges to the two dangerous driving charges, and one count of failing to stop after colliding with a rickshaw at 3.40 a.m. outside the China International Motors.

FELT A BUMP
In opening the case for the Crown, Mr Hobbie said that on February 25 at 3.10 a.m. taxi driver Leung Ping-kwong discharged a passenger at St. Francis Hotel in Yee Wo Street. He turned off all the outside lights of his vehicle, leaving the lights inside his taxi on. As he was checking his meter he suddenly felt a bump and he turned around and saw a black motor pulling away from him to the centre of the road.

Leung shouted to the driver of the car to stop, and when he did not do so the taxi driver set off in pursuit. He followed the accused's car which turned left into Causeway Bay Road and then right into Lawton Terrace. At this point Leung managed to overtake the accused and cut in front of him to stop his car.

The taxi driver went over to the accused and spoke to him about the damage he had inflicted to his taxi. The accused did not reply so Leung went to the back of the accused's car to jot down his number.

As he was doing this the accused started up his car and drove off. To get past the taxi the accused mounted the grass at the side of the taxi. The accused then turned into Tung-low Road and followed Leung in his taxi. The accused then drove into Yee Wo Street and then into Hennessy Road. At that stage both cars were doing 35 miles per hour and Leung did not notice anything abnormal about the accused.

LOUD CRASH
Just as the accused's car passed Tin Lock Lane the accused swung into the near side of Hennessy Road. Just as the accused's car passed China International Motors Leung heard a loud crash and as he passed by he saw a Chinese lying on the road. Further up the road he saw a badly damaged rickshaw. The accused's car then proceeded along Hennessy Road picking up speed.

Two Police constables, who were on duty in Hennessy Road, heard the crash and stopped out into the road. They flashed torches at the accused's car but they had time to do so before the accused's car had disappeared into the distance.

60 MILES AN HOUR
By the time the taxi came to the Rediffusion Building, Leung was in evidence that his taxi was doing 60 miles per hour as he tried to catch up with the accused. At the junction of Hennessy Road and Queen's Road, East, the taxi and the accused's car collided. The accused's car was then driven back to the rear of the taxi and the accused was taken to hospital. The accused's car was then driven back to the rear of the taxi and the accused was taken to hospital.

Eventually the accused was taken back to Eastern Police Station at 4 a.m. and the accused's car was taken to the police station. The accused's car was then driven back to the rear of the taxi and the accused was taken to hospital.

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FALCONER WINDING-UP PETITION

(Continued from Page 1)

Company regarding these two matters.

The position was abundantly clear to his Lordship that after the greatest endeavour to get hold of this exhibit—exhibit which he desired to read to the Court in his opening when he came to deal with Swan, Culbertson and Frits and which he would say disproved their own case in the matter—that exhibit was being withheld, and if it was not being withheld deliberately it was an amazing chapter of mishandling, said Mr Bernacchi.

Counsel asked his Lordship to make an order for the production of the original exhibit and the necessary copies this morning.

In his submission this was a shocking state of affairs. This case had been adjourned several times already, and they arrived in Court this morning without the necessary documents before the Court which in Counsel's submission was solely through the failure of the Company to produce them or to take the necessary steps.

"I cannot with respect use too strong a language, having to be brought into Court this morning without the necessary documents for which my friends were responsible for producing," Mr Bernacchi said.

Mr d'Almada informed the Court that the two matters raised by Mr Bernacchi reached his knowledge only a few minutes before they came into Court this morning.

NOTE NOT RECEIVED
His instructions with regard to the summons issued on Friday last were that on Saturday last, were these: That that summons having been taken out and Mr Hampton, being engaged in conference with Counsel on this very case on Saturday morning, sent a message to Mr Comer of the same firm, requesting him to attend at the hearing of this same summons.

"Most unfortunately Mr Comer did not receive that note and equally unfortunately Mr Hampton was not informed of the fact that that note had not been delivered, hence this seeming discourtesy to your Lordship in the non-appearance of any member of Messrs Hastings upon this summons on Saturday last," Mr d'Almada said.

With regard to the matter of these documents being in the custody of the special managers, his instructions were that both parties had had access to most of the documents in the possession of the special managers, and that of course did not militate against his friend's argument that as they could not be produced before the Court today he required an adjournment until tomorrow morning for the opening of his case, Counsel said.

"I have explained as best I could the reasons leading up to the non-appearance of Mr Hampton for this summons on Saturday last," Mr d'Almada said.

A LETTER

With regard to the other matter, i.e. the fact that Seymour's affidavit two were missing, his instructions were that upon receipt of the information that the two exhibits had not been included amongst those attached to Mr Seymour's first affidavit, an examination of a bundle of exhibits was made and in that bundle it was found that exhibit No. 47 was a letter addressed by Messrs Hastings and Company to the petitioner, and that explained how it was in one of the letters read by Mr Bernacchi that exhibit was so referred to.

Mr d'Almada said that his friend chose to make capital of it by suggesting that the only inference to be drawn from the fact that the Company called exhibit No. 47 a formal letter was that they were anxious to suppress the true exhibit No. 47 which of course was not so.

Had there been any intention of the deponent to suppress it he would never have included it in his reference in his affidavit, Counsel said.

The position therefore was this. This bundle of exhibits added included the two documents which should of course have been included. Counsel asked leave under Order 14, Rule 18 of the Code for Mr Seymour to re-swear his affidavit to include the two exhibits.

Counsel said he could not oppose his friend's application for an adjournment until tomorrow morning and insofar as the second part of the application was concerned, i.e. costs of the adjournment to be paid forthwith by the Company, he submitted that in the circumstances of the case the question of costs might be left over until determination of the petition. Mr Thomson informed the Court that an inventory of the documents might take some time and he could not promise it would be finished by tomorrow.

JUDGE'S ORDER

An order in terms of Mr Bernacchi's application and another giving leave to Mr Seymour to re-swear his affidavit were made by his Lordship.

His Lordship in adjourning the case to 10 a.m. tomorrow, ordered costs of the adjournment to be paid by the Company forthwith. He said that in making that order he had regard to the correspondence and it was perfectly clear from the letters by Mr da Silva of April 3 and 8 what was required by him, and it was a request that he should not have to make if proper care had been taken in the preparation of the affidavits and these exhibits.

His Lordship said he would also like to mention, arising out of the other application, that the application for the production of the books, documents, etc. in the custody of the special managers, was put down before him. He thought the summons was issued on Friday—without any prior notification to him that he was desired to hear the application on Saturday morning and at a time selected by the solicitors for the applicants.

This was not the proper practice, his Lordship said. The ordinary chamber list was before two Puisne Judges but it was desired to have a special appointment before any of them, common courtesy demanded that the summons should be issued in time and at a time arranged beforehand that was convenient to the Judge.

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By Surface
Indo-China, France, 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Macao, 9 a.m.
Indo-China, Noon.
Malaya, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Planes Ferrying Supplies

Washington Apr. 12. A State Department spokesman said last night that a number of United States Air Force planes in Europe and the Far East were being diverted from normal duties to ferry urgently needed supplies to the French forces in Indo-China.

The spokesman was unable to say how many planes were involved or give any further details of the operation.

The supplies are presumably for the defence of Dien Bien Phu, French fortress now under direct attack by the besieging Vietnamese forces—Routier.

From the Files

100 Years Ago

We have frequently had occasion to complain of the dangerous state of the roads in the Colony, and the yawning abysses which open their wide throats to engulf any poor fellows who, having taken a drop too much, venture, or stagger, too near their verge. One in the very centre of the town, at the top of Wellington Street—the upper corner of the range of houses known as Markwick's Buildings—has been repeatedly pointed out to the police, and indeed has latterly acquired the cognomen of "Break-neck Corner." It borders the road, and has a clear fall of fully fifteen feet, with neither parapet nor rail. The danger to passers-by is imminent, especially at night, as no warning lamp, like "A sweet little cherub, is perch'd up aloft,

To keep watch o'er the limbs of poor Jack." and consequently it is not to be wondered at that on Friday morning early a man-of-war's-man tumbled over and may think himself fortunate in escaping with a compound fracture of the leg. It cost an Excelsior's foot a year or two ago to guard one precipice, and perhaps some one of the Honourables, will, Curtius-like, display his public spirit by tumbling down the hole in question, and dislocating his arm or leg—in which case there may be some hope of seeing the grievance redressed.

While on the subject, we would draw the attention of the Surveyor General to the want of a parapet in Hollywood Road between Aberdeen Street and the Joss House. A gentleman riding along the other day was nearly thrown over by his horse when he had an accident occurred, an action for damages was the least that could have been looked for—and we feel assured a jury would in such a case award a large sum.

THEATRICALS

The Theatrical Amateurs of the 69th Regiment gave one of their agreeable entertainments on Monday evening, during which we were sorry to learn that an officer present so far forgot himself as to display much want of courtesy, or rather was guilty of an act of rudeness, towards a visitor—one to whom the amateurs are under great obligations for the loan of theatrical furniture. We mean Mr George Duddell, who finding a seat empty, occupied it, and declined to vacate it at the pre-emptory order of the officer in question, who said it was reserved for the officers' friends. By his direction, Mr Duddell was forcibly ejected from the theatre, and out of the barracks gate, together with two soldiers of the Engineers, who civilly remonstrated in Mr Duddell's favour, and who perhaps may have thought it probable that the sent, like much of the other furniture, was Mr Duddell's property. Such conduct was the last that might have been looked for on the part of the 69th Officers, after the attention shown them while the Victoria Theatre was open to the public, when the best seats were frequently filled by the military and civil servants of government, and the theatre being occupied without murmur by those at whose expense the entertainments were given, and towards which, with a very few honourable exceptions, such as the Chief Justice, and Lieut. Col. Graham, the said civil and military officers paid not a single cent. Colonel Graham, we are told, was not present at the performances on Monday night, and therefore may not have been the facts of the case unless through the press; but we feel assured that as soon as the matter is brought to his notice, he will institute an enquiry into the circumstances attending the expulsion of Mr Duddell from the theatre.

We must not forget to mention either, that one of the "Coolie Justices" was present on the occasion, and appealed to by Mr Duddell, who first called him by name, but finding "there's none so deaf as he who will not hear," turned him on his heel, and called on him to bear witness to the assault, to which he replied he would have nothing to do with the matter.

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